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D/Sec(AS)/64/2

13 June 2000

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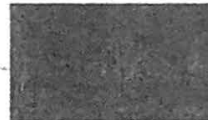
DISSE - you now!

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CREDIBLE WITNESS REPORT DATED 28 MAY 2000.

1. In line with our current policy, please find attached a 'UFO' report from an ex-member of the RAF.
2. I would be grateful if you could let me know if the reports represent anything of air defence interest

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MB8245 82038MB
CHOTS: SEC(AS)2A1A

EXACT TRANSMISSION DETAILS		DTG of Transmission	
From: ALS(M), JC(M), Porters Way, West Drayton Middlesex UB7 9AU Fax No: 01895 423031	To: [REDACTED] SEC (AS)2, MOD Main Building, Whitehall London SW1A 2HB Fax No: 0207 218 2680	Section 40	
AUTHORISING OFFICER:	TRANSMISSION OPERATOR:		
RANK, NAME & APPOINTMENT:	RANK/GRADE & NAME:	Section 40	
SIGNATURE:	SIGNATURE:	[REDACTED]	

A	DATE: 28 May	TIME: 0900 - 0900Z	DURATION OF SIGHTING:
B	DESCRIPTION OF OBJECT: Number 1 - 3 lights. Size Shape Colour Brightness Sound? No		Smell? No Other
C	EXACT POSITION OF OBSERVER: Geographical location: Sittingbourne Indoors/Outdoors/Stationary/Moving		
D	HOW OBJECT WAS OBSERVED: Naked eye/Binoculars/Camera/Video camera Photographs Taken		
E	DIRECTION IN WHICH OBJECT WAS FIRST SEEN: (A landmark may be useful) Towards Medway - West		
F	ANGLE OF SIGHT: —		
G	DISTANCE (By reference to a known landmark if possible): Cloud base		
H	MOVEMENT OF OBJECT: Fast and erratic		
J	MET CONDITIONS DURING OBSERVATION (Moving clouds, mist, haze etc): Cloudy		
K	NEARBY OBJECTS OR BUILDINGS: — Section 40		
L	TO WHOM REPORTED: Press: — East Kent Gazette [REDACTED] Police: Military Organisation: Airport: Section 40 Other: Section 40		
M	INFORMANTS' DETAILS: Name: [REDACTED] Address: [REDACTED]		
N	ANY BACKGROUND OF THE INFORMANT THAT MAY BE VOLUNTEERED: Member of RAF for 20 yrs. Recently retired from MOD.		
O	OTHER WITNESS? Neighbours		
P	DATE/TIME OF REPORT: 1220L 31 MAY 00		

REPORT of an UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT

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- a. Date/Time and Duration of Sighting (Local times to be quoted)
13.6.00 / 1700 LOCAL 30 SECONDS
- b. Description of Object (No. of objects, size, shape, colours, brightness, sound, smell etc)
1 ROUND SILVER OBJECT
- c. Exact Position Observed. (Geographical location, indoors or outdoors, stationary or moving)
FROM OUTDOORS
- d. How Observed (Naked eye, Binoculars other optical device, still or movie camera)
NAKED EYE
- e. Direction in which Object was first seen (A landmark may be more useful than a badly estimated bearing)
WEST TO EAST SKARING NEAR BOLTON
- f. Angle of Sight (Estimated heights are unreliable)
- g. Distance (By reference to a known Landmark if possible)
- h. Movements (Changes in E,F,G may be of more use)
VERY RAPID IN EASTERLY DIRECTION
- i. Meteorological Conditions During Observations. (Moving clouds Mist etc.)
CLEAR VISIBILITY WITH HIGH CLOUDS
- j. Nearby Objects (Telephone lines Spires Etc.)
- k. To Whom Reported (Police, Military Organisations, the Press)
MANCHESTER ATC

l. Name and Address of Informant

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m. Any Background on the Informant that may be Volunteered.

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n. Other Witnesses

NONE

o. Date and Time of Receipt

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The above details are to be faxed immediately to AIS (Military), LATTC on 7-144-3031

(01895-423031)

The completed form is to be despatched to:

Ministry of Defence

Sec (AS) 2A

Room 8245

RAF Main Building

Whitehall

LONDON SW1A 2HB

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D:Sec(AS)642

30 June 2000

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CREDIBLE WITNESS REPORT DATED 13 JUNE 2000.

- 1 In line with our current policy please find attached a 'TFO' report from an ex-member of the RAF
- 2 I would be grateful if you could let me know if the reports represent anything of air defence interest

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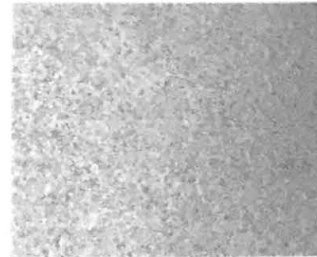
[REDACTED] 4
[REDACTED] responsibility for [REDACTED] results
[REDACTED]

'UFO' REPORT DATED 9 JULY 2000.

- 1 The attached letter is from a member of a public concerning a sighting of an "unusual shaped craft" on Sunday 9th July 2000 at approximately 13:45
- 2 Although the informant is not strictly a "credible witness", he has courted a lot of media interest over the alleged incident, which has been covered by Radio One and in a local newspaper. I would therefore be grateful if you could let me know if the report represents anything of air defence interest

[REDACTED] Section 40
SEC(AS)2A
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14th July 2000

Dear Sir or Madam

On Sunday 9th July 2000 at approximately 13:45hrs (B.S.T.) , an unusual shaped craft was observed and filmed on video camera at Hartford, Cheshire. The recording lasts for approximately four minutes and there is dialogue with an airline pilot heading south towards Birmingham. This was achieved because a colleague brought out a portable 'air - band' radio next to the video camera, hence the dialogue was in real time.

The craft appeared to be revolving in a regular motion showing a dark then illuminated side. The craft appeared just below cloud level for most of the duration of the filming but entering the lower cloud base which was estimated at 5,000ft

The craft may have been flying over the town of Wilmslow, Cheshire.

The dialogue between the airline pilot and ground base (either Manchester or Liverpool) states a 'target' had been identified and that a 'chase' was underway at 5,000 (ft).

There was a reference to 'Warrior' or 'Kwango' during the dialogue but when 'chase' was stated the second time the air wave frequency conversation quickly ended.

I am writing to you to enquire if any 'airprox' , 'airmiss' or unusual occurrence reports had been submitted to R.A.F. Valley.

I do appreciate that this area of Great Britain is a busy air traffic corridor both for civilian and military aircraft, and that facilities as British Aerospace in Chester, Stockport and Warton may have been conducting some form of trials of future aircraft.

I would be grateful if you could also inform me if any 'notam' signals or 'notams' had been raised between any military bases in the area.

I am quite happy to bring this video recording for you to examine and possibly identify this craft if you wish.

I have forwarded letters to the Ministry of Defence in London and also the Civilian Aviation Authority at Gatwick Airport to clear up this unusual occurrence.

Yours sincerely

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Registered Nurse.

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From: DI55B [/l=di/G=di/S=55b/OU=jaguar/OU=owob/O=dis/PRMD=hmg+mod/ADMD=/C=gb]
 Sent: 23 August 2000 13:40
 To: Hd DIS SY [redacted] DIS, DEF INT, HMG DEFENCE, GB
 Cc: 'ADDI55'; DIST [redacted] DIS, DEF INT, HMG DEFENCE, GB
 Subject: Missing UAP Files

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PR-MSP-SEC-LABEL-CLA:Secret
 PR-MSP-SEC-POLICY: NATO
 PR-PER-RECIPIENT-INFO:/l=di/G=hddis/S=sy/OU=jaguar/OU=owob/O=dis/PRMD=hmg+mod/ADMD=/C=gb/010
 [redacted]
 [redacted]
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Further to my minute to you this morning about [redacted] report to me about missing DI55 UAP files, [redacted] provided more information to me today.

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[redacted] (DR-1/GSY - Great Scotland Yard not Metropole) received a letter from a [redacted] on the 21 July 2000 in which has has specifically requested a number of Defence Intelligence Files which he claims are deposited in the Public Records Office. His interest is UFOs/ UAPs. [redacted] claims to have an 'Honorary Research Fellowship from the National Centre for English Cultural Tradition, School of English at the University of Sheffield. His 'research' programme is the 'UK MoD involvement in the study of Unidentified Flying Objects, both in terms of the Air Staff and Defence and Scientific Intelligence, within the context of a sociological study based in an academic department'. He claims access to these records under the Freedom of Information Act.

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[redacted] is clearly well directed towards the documents he sees as relevant. Further the five files that were drawn from the Hayes Archive by [redacted] are missing.

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Perhaps I am becoming too suspicious but I am concerned that of all the files that DIST holds, most with very sensitive data, that [redacted] is and has in the past given special interest to the DI55/108/15 (UAP) series, has a direct conduit to [redacted] (his manager) who may have a more established link with [redacted] -Section 40

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I believe that a) the missing files that [redacted] withdrew from archive must be found
 b) we need to know why [redacted] interest in these files preceeded the request

by [redacted]

c) much more about [redacted] and his sponsorship.

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I have the relevant copies of correspondence.

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[redacted]

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From: DI55B (/l=di/G=di/S=55b/OU=jaguar/OU=owob/O=dis/PRMD=hmg+mod/ADMD=/C=gb/)
 Sent: 23 August 2000 09:18
 To: Hd DIS SY [REDACTED] DIS, DEF INT, HMG DEFENCE, GB
 Cc: 'ADDI55'; DI ST [REDACTED] DIS, DEF INT, HMG DEFENCE, GB
 Subject: Missing UAP Files

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[REDACTED]

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Following the departure of [REDACTED] has been active in tracing all the files on Unobserved Aerial Phenomena (UAP) that were held in the DI55 registry. Most of these files have been traced with closed parts in the DIS Archive.

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[REDACTED] had not able to trace Parts 21 to 25 of DI55/108/15/2 and I was approached in order to determine whether these might still be in branch cabinets. Last week [REDACTED] informed me that these files had been found at Defence Records, Hayes, however they had been borrowed by his boss [REDACTED] Hd of DR1/GSy (Metropole) for reasons not clear to him, where they currently reside.

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Pending the publication of [REDACTED] report on this subject DIST is very sensitive to the potential mischief that unauthorised use of the information contained in these files may cause if used to support uninformed Press and private publications on UAPs or UFUs. It is known that [REDACTED] has an interest in UFOs.

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AD/DI55 has asked me to bring this to your attention and to seek your advice on appropriate further action

[REDACTED]

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UAP Files Held in CAB 18 by [REDACTED]

INCIDENT FILES

Dis. Dates

Date opened	File Ref	Part no	Date Closes
JAN 97	108/15/1	51	
Nov 96 (UNCL)	108 15/1	50	Current
Aug 96 (")	"	49	Oct 96
Feb 96 (")	"	48	Jul 96
Jan 95 (")	"	47	Jan 95
Nov 94 (")	"	46	May 95
Jan 94 (")	"	45	Nov 94
Jan 94 (")	"	44	May 94
Oct 93 (")	"	43	Jan 94
Apr 93 (")	"	42	Oct 93
Feb 92 (Cont)	"	41	Nov 93
Jan 91 (Cont)	"	40	Jan 92
Jan 90 (")	"	39	Jan 91
Jul 89 (")	"	38	Jan 90
Nov 88 (Cont)	"	37	Jan 89
Nov 87	"	36	Jan 88

x
 Dec 86 DISA " Part 36A NOV 87
 APR 85 DISA " Part 33 Dec 86
 Jun 83 DISA " Part 34 Mar 85

(Part 33 missing) To Archives 1/15/89 - Destroyed 30/11/92

Feb 78 DISA " Part 32 Jun 83
 May 75 DISA " Part 31 May 70

(No sign of parts 10-31 if they exist)

Mar 93 108/15/2 Part I Jun 92

at Waipara
 05/1/84 11- Accounts 22/1/84
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 Handwritten by
 [Redacted] Ltd of

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UAP. files held in CAB 18 by [REDACTED]

Policy Files

	Opened	File Ref	Part No	Closed.
in Pro	Jan 57 67	55/40/9/1	1	Nov 67.
	November May 67	"	2	Dec 67

(Part 3 missing) DESTROYED 9/8/84

	Dec 71	55/100/10	4	Closed 1991
	?	?	5	Closed Current.
			6	Current

Memorandum

To: Defence Records 1 - Sensitivity

From: Defence Records 1
Room 1.01
Great Scotland Yard

Date: 31 July 2000

Tel: 70254518

Your Ref:

Our Ref: DR/S/718

Subject: ENQUIRY FROM A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC. DEFENCE INTELLIGENCE FILES

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1. A [redacted] has written seeking access to a number of Defence Intelligence files (see attached). Section 40
2. From a cursory examination of the PRO catalogue I have reduced his initial list of 75 files to 41! They are: DEFE 31/19, 64, DEFE 44/1, DEFE 21/1 - 4, 8 - 12, 16 & 17, 20, 28 - 30, 32, 36, 38, 47, 51 - 56, 58 and 61 - 72. - See attached revision.
3. You will note that DEFE 44/1 is included. There is no way that we will release this, but please look at it and note the sensitivity sheet (I wish to ensure that whenever retained material is reviewed we maintain an up to date record of the review history for FOI and appeal purposes).
4. Please note that I have undertaken to report our progress in about two month's time I would therefore like a progress report mid-September.

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1. [redacted] asked to bring listed pieces up on 9/8.

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Rank: C2

Name in Block Letter [redacted]



From: [REDACTED] Room 1 01

MINISTRY OF DEFENCE

3-5 Great Scotland Yard, London SW1A 2HW

Tel: (0)20 7807 0254
Fax: (0)20 718 9000
Telex: 020 7807 0254

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Your Reference

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DR 13/7/8

Date

31 July 2000

Defence Intelligence Staff: Registered Files

Thank you for your letter dated 21 July 2000 concerning the status of records - *DEFE 31/19, and 64, DEFE 44/1 and DEFE 21* - selected for preservation at the Public Record Office that are retained in department in accordance with Section 3(4) of the Public Records Acts, 1958, and your wish for these records to be released.

As you may be aware all government departments are required to review their records in accordance with the terms of the Public Records Act, 1958 and 1967. Records selected for permanent preservation are transferred into the custody of the Public Record Office (or some other suitable institution) where they generally become available to the public after 30 years ie the "30-year rule". Records not selected for permanent preservation are destroyed.

The very few records that are too sensitive for release at the normal 30-year point may be closed by either being retained in department (Section 3(4) of the Act) or by being placed on extended closure for a period between 40 and 90 years (Section 5(1)). Retained records are closed under the authority of the Lord Chancellor, but are subject to a rereview at least once every 10 years until release into the public domain is possible. Records closed under the extended closure arrangement are transferred to the PRO for release at the future designated date. The status of whole files either retained or subject to extended closure is noted on the PRO catalogue. Where pages from files are subject to a similar process a "dummy" or a photocopy of the redacted pages are appropriately endorsed.

However, the White Paper on *Open Government*, Cm 2290, published July 1993 set out a number of initiatives that, subject to resources, would see the release of records hither to closed for more that 30 years. For example, greater use of the extraction and redaction techniques

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From: [REDACTED] Room 1.01

MINISTRY OF DEFENCE

3-5 Great Scotland Yard, London SW1A 2HW

Telex (Direct dial) 020 7807 0254
(Switchboard) 020 7218 9000
Fax 020 7807 0256

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Your Reference

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DR/3/7/8

Date

31 July 2000

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whereby sensitive papers or passages could be removed thereby permitting the release of some part of a file, and to consider *ad hoc* requests from researchers of records closed for longer than years. As a result of these and other initiatives the Ministry of Defence has released in excess of 11,750 records originally closed for longer than 30 years.

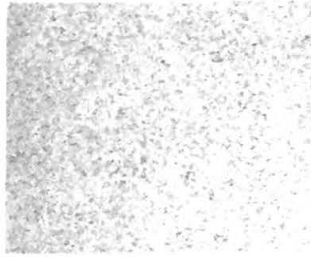
So far as your request for the release of certain Defence Intelligence and predecessor departments records is concerned *DEFE 31/19, 64 and DEFE 44/1* are all retained in department in accordance with Section 3(4) of the Public Records Act, 1958. From a cursory examination of the PRO catalogue on the Internet I note that 34 of the 72 records assigned to class *DEFE 21* are open and available to the public.

In keeping with the MOD's commitment to greater openness I am prepared to arrange for the rereview of the closed records you have expressed an interest in. You will appreciate that our review programme for the year is well established thus the review of more than 30 additional files will have an impact on my scarce resources. But I plan to give you a report on our progress in about two months.

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Deputy Departmental Record Officer



Departmental Record Officer
Defence Records
Room 7/40
Metropole Building
Northumberland Avenue
London WC2N 5BL

21 July 2000

Dear Sir/Madam,

Defence Intelligence Staff: Registered Files

The Enquiry staff at the Public Record Office have suggested that I write to you in order to follow up an enquiry concerning the status of a group of MOD files which are currently "retained by the Department under section 3 (4) of the Public Record Act 1958."

The files in question all appear to have been deposited at the Public Record Office. They fall under the class reference DEFE and contain papers generated by the work of the MOD Defence Intelligence Staff. They include:

DEFE 31/19 DIS and DSTI Intelligence Papers 1967-1970

DEFE 31/64 DIS/DSTI intelligence 1970-1972

DEFE 44/1 DSI, later DSTI: Reports and Memoranda; Register of JSTI/DSTI/DSI reports and memoranda, 1946-1991.

DEFE 21 DSI Registered Files 1950-1964

I understand from the PRO that records would be retained under the 30 year rule until the latest date in the sequence covered by the file, in which case DEFE 31/19 above should be available for public scrutiny on 1 January 2001. Could you confirm if that is the case?

More...

As for DEFE 44/1, although this file contains material more than 50 years old, it might not be released until 2021 because it also contains material not as from 1991. In the case of files held under class DEFE 21, these apparently concern files created by both the old Directorate of Scientific Intelligence between 1950-1964 which would be open, however, they also contain later material from the DSIS covering the period 1964-1991, which under the terms of the 1967 Act would remain closed until 2021.

In these circumstances, would it not be possible to make an exception and allow access to the reports and memoranda contained within those files which specifically relate to the period 1946-1969, which would fall under the terms of the 30 year rule?

I understand that under the Freedom of Information Act all Government records – other than those created by the Security and Special Services – should be made available for public scrutiny unless it can be demonstrated their disclosure would *clearly cause harm* to “national security, defence and international relations...the internal discussion of Government policy [and/or] personal privacy.”

I understand from the FOI unit that individual departments do have the power to make exceptions and allow access to ‘closed’ material for research purposes in certain circumstances. In my case, I am researching the UK MOD’s involvement in the study of Unidentified Flying Objects, both in terms of the Air Staff and Defence and Scientific Intelligence, within the context of a sociological study based in an established academic department. The research is supported by the University of Sheffield, where I have an Honorary Research Fellowship from the National Centre for English Cultural Tradition, School of English.

I wish to apply for access to the files specified above under the Freedom of Information Act, and I would appreciate any information you can provide with regards to their current closure status under the current Access to Public Records Act, 1967.

I hope you are able to help and look forward to hearing from you,



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Memorandum

To: Defence Records 1 - Sensitivity

From: Defence Records 1
Room: 1.01
12th St, London SW1A 2JG

Date: 01 August 2000

Tel: 020 7591 4444

Your Ref:

Our Ref: 027-127/01

Subject: ENQUIRY FROM A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC: DEFENCE INTELLIGENCE FILES

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Reference: My memo dated 31 July 2000.

1. I have examined the OWO database of DEFE 21s still retained in department and have discovered that there is some variance between what appears to be open (the PRO catalogue) and what should be closed.
2. It may be the case that the database is incorrect and pieces have been released but not annotated so and in other cases the database should have recorded the fact that extracts only are held! In the circumstances I have produced the attached list that revises my earlier memorandum of pieces for review.

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Name in Block Letter

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ENQUIRY FROM [REDACTED] DEFENCE INTELLIGENCE FILES

Piece	Current status	Year
DEFE 21/		2007
✓ 1	Retained.	2007
✓ 2	Retained.	2007
✓ 3	Retained.	2007
✓ 4	Retained.	2007
✓ 5	PRO says open, but extract in archives!	2008
✓ 8	Retained.	2007
✓ 9	Retained.	2007
✓ 10	Retained.	2005
✓ 11	Retained.	2007
12	Retained.	2007
13	PRO says open, but also in archives!	2005
14	PRO says open, but also in archives!	2005
15	PRO says open, but also in archives!	2005
16	Retained.	2007
17	Retained.	2007
✓ 19	PRO says open, but extract in archives!	2008
20	Retained.	2007
✓ 22	PRO says open, but ^{extract} also in archives!	2008
✓ 23	PRO says open, but extract in archives.	2008
✓ 24	PRO says open, but also in archives!	2005
✓ 26	PRO says open, but extract in archives.	2008
✓ 27	PRO says open, but extract in archives.	2008
28	Retained.	2007
29	Retained.	?
30	Retained.	2007
31	PRO says open, but also in archives!	2005
✓ 32	Retained.	2007
33	PRO says open, but extract in archives.	2005
✓ 34	PRO says open, but extract in the archives.	2008
35	PRO says open, but extract in archives.	2008
36	Retained.	2007
✓ 38	Retained.	2008
40	PRO says open, but also in archives!	2005
43	PRO says open, but also in archives!	2005
45	PRO says open, but extract in archives.	2009
46	PRO says open, but also in archives!	2008
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✓ 50	PRO says open, but ^{extract} also in archives.	2008
51	Retained.	2008

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✓ 57	PRO says open, but extract in archives.	2008
58	Retained.	2008
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<i>DEFE 31/</i>		
19	Retained.	2007
64	Retained.	2009
<i>DEFE 44/</i>		
1	Retained.	?

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<i>DEFE 31/</i>		
19	Retained.	2007
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<i>DEFE 44/</i>		
1	Retained.	?

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Memorandum

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To: Defence Records 1 - Sensitivity

From: [Redacted] [Redacted]
[Redacted] [Redacted]

Date: 08 August 2000

Tel: [Redacted]

Your Ref:

Our Ref: [Redacted]

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Subject: ENQUIRY FROM A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC: DEFENCE INTELLIGENCE FILES

Reference: My memos dated 31 July and 1 August 2000.

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1. I attach a photocopy of [Redacted] response to my letter acknowledging his request for the review of a large number of DI files recorded as retained in department in accordance with S3(4) of the PRA.
2. In an attempt to be helpful he further expands on his area of interest - "ufos" - notwithstanding this limited area of interest please ensure that the 64 files (approx) are reviewed with the view to possible release. Please advise of any that might fall into his area of interest, whether releasable or not. I am of course aware of the reference to "ufos" in *DEFE 44/1 DSI/JTIC Report No 7 - Unidentified Flying Objects*. Of which no copy is known to have survived. I believe that there are no other references in this piece to this particular phenomena, but confirm.

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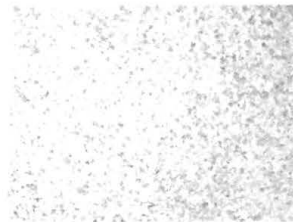
3. Finally, [Redacted] has written separately to Sec(AS) about access to a variety of files including those that continue the run preserved at the PRO as *DEFE ³¹118 & 119*. Former reference DI/55/40/9/1 Parts 1 & 2. Please ask [Redacted] to bring me up to date on his review of DI material in general and specifically DI55 material. I seem to recall that 3 or 4 years ago, when visiting DI 55, he became aware that, other than these two files, no other "ufo" files survived until the late 1970s or was it the late 1980s (?). He also saw documentary evidence recording the destruction of these parts. Can he provide dates of destruction for each file part and the dates covered by each file (or better still copies of the destruction certificates).

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Rank: C2

Name in Block Letter [Redacted]

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Section 40
Room 1.01
Ministry of Defence
3-5 Great Scotland Yard
London SW1A 2HW

7 August 2000

Your Reference: DR/3/7/8

Defence Intelligence Staff: Registered Files

Dear Section 40

Thank you for your letter 31 July, in reply to my application for the release of certain Defence Intelligence and predecessor departments records in the DEFE class.

Thanks also for clarifying the position with regards to the status of the records within **DEFE 31/19, 64** and **DEFE 44/1**, which are currently retained in department in accordance with Section 3(4) of the Public Records Act 1958.

I very much appreciate your intention to arrange for a rereview of the closed records to which I requested access, and I hope I can provide some additional information which may help this process. Could I point out that of the 30 files concerned, I am solely interested in locating those records or minutes which relate to the subject of 'unidentified flying objects' which may also be referred to as 'aerial phenomena', 'unidentified aircraft' 'flying saucers' or 'anomolous radar tracks.' This may help save you time and effort in your rereview, and I hope the information in this letter will help you locate the specific records to which I refer.

I am led to believe it was the Air Ministry's policy, until 1962, to routinely destroy records relating to unidentified flying objects at five yearly intervals. This practice was ended following Parliamentary Questions and all files have been preserved by the MOD since 1967. However, a number of Air Ministry UFO records from the 1950s, especially where these relate to Parliamentary Questions, have survived and are available for viewing at the PRO. The location of Intelligence records relating to UFOs, generated by DSTI/DSI, remains a mystery but there are clues which suggest at least some did survive and are still retained by the MOD under Section 3(4) above.

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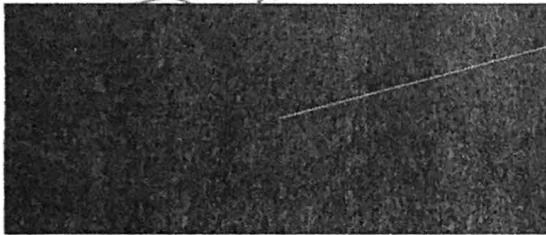
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There are references in some of the PRO files which refer to loose papers on UFOs generated by the DSTI staff during this period. For example, I am enclosing a copy of a loose minute found in PRO file Air 2/18117 sent to Government by [redacted] of DI55 on 13 December 1967. It describes how staff had "trained" ^{two} *all but* Intelligence files on UFOs for the period 1951-52, and refers to one of these specifically as "report DSTI/JTIC Report No. 7 - Unidentified Flying Objects". It is good evidence that at least some Intelligence files on UFOs did survive from this period.

From an examination of the PRO catalogue, it would appear these files - if they still exist - should be listed under the DEFE class 44/1 which is a register of DSTI/DSTI/DSI reports and memoranda for the period from 1946 onwards. DEFE 31 19 and 64 may also contain Intelligence reports on UFOs for the period 1967-1972 which should have been retained under the 1962 policy referred to above.

I hope this information assists in your rereview of the documents I have described and I look forward to hearing from you in due course,

Yours Sincerely,



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File

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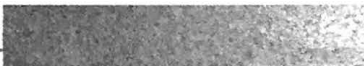
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S4 (Air) MOD



1. Further to your M7, we have recovered all but two of the 'Metropole' (ie Intelligence) files on UFOs for the period 1951-2.
2. The files examined indicate that Topcliffe-Meteor incident, which occurred during the NATO Exercise MAINBRACE, was typical of reports about such aircraft at that time. (The Meteor was being extensively operated in a variety of roles and was the first UK jet to be so deployed).
3. As regards the particular incident the 'object' only appeared to come from the aircraft. There is no specific evidence in the files examined so far, that the object tracked or came from the aircraft. In fact, the trajectory of the apparent object was not established in absolute terms and thus typical questions such as true range have not been answered.
4. We consider that the report DSI/JTIC Report No 7 Unidentified Flying Objects covers the situation as a whole, ~~and~~ such activity at that time. Similar remarks apply to the observed radar anomalies which occurred at that time.

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DI55
ROOM 4/58 EXT 5230
Metropole Building
13th December 1967

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LOOSE MINUTE

D/Sec(AS)/64/2

31 August 2000

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CREDIBLE WITNESS REPORT DATED 21 AUGUST 2000

1. In line with our current policy, please find attached a report from a Corporal in the Photographic Section at RAF Kinloss.
2. I would be grateful if you could let me know if the reports represent anything of air defence interest.

[Redacted]

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Fax To West Drayton 05041 64000REPORT OF AN UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT**A. Date, Time, Duration of Sighting**

Date 16 Aug 00

Time 2350z

Duration: 40 mins

B. Description of Object

Number: 1

Size:

Shape: Sphere

Colours: Varying and constantly changing

Brightness: Brighter than the stars

Sound: No

Smell: No

C. Exact Position of Observer

Geographical Location Spey Bay, Nether Dallachy

Indoors/Outdoors Outdoors

Stationary/Moving Stationary

D. How Object was Observed

Naked Eye: Yes

Binoculars:

Still/Video Camera Video camera, 3 mins of footage taken

E. Direction in Which Object was first seen

North West

F. Angle of Sight

20-30 deg from the horizontal

Time 1900z

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G. Distance

7-8 miles (unsure because size not known)

H. Movement of Object

Stationary at first then moved right to left then slightly quicker then straight down

J. Met Conditions during Observation

Moving Clouds Yes

Haze: No

Mist: No

K. Nearby Objects or Buildings etc

No

L. To Whom Reported

Police: No

Press: No

Military Organisation: ATC Switchboard RAF Lossiemouth

Airport:

M. Name and Address of Informant Section 40

Name: 

Address: Photographic Section RAF Kinloss

N. Any Background of the Informant that may be Volunteered

O. Other Witnesses

No

P. Date and Time of Receipt of Report

Date: 16 Aug 00

Time: 1900z

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Extract: The case of the unidentified flying object BWA1.

FOREWORD
BY NICK POPE

I work at the Ministry of Defence, where between 1991 and 1994 I did what must be one of the most bizarre jobs in the department. Essentially, my task was to evaluate the several hundred UFO sightings reported to the MOD each year and to determine whether there was evidence of any threat to the defence of the United Kingdom. Each sighting was carefully investigated and I was able to determine that somewhere between ninety and ninety-five per cent could be attributed to the misidentification of ordinary objects or phenomena. There remained, however, a hard core of sightings that defied conventional explanation and involved what appeared to be structured craft of unknown origin, capable of manoeuvres and speeds beyond the abilities of anything in our inventory – prototype craft included. The best such cases were ones involving trained observers, such as police officers, airline pilots and military personnel, or ones where the sightings could be correlated by photographs, videos or radar tapes.

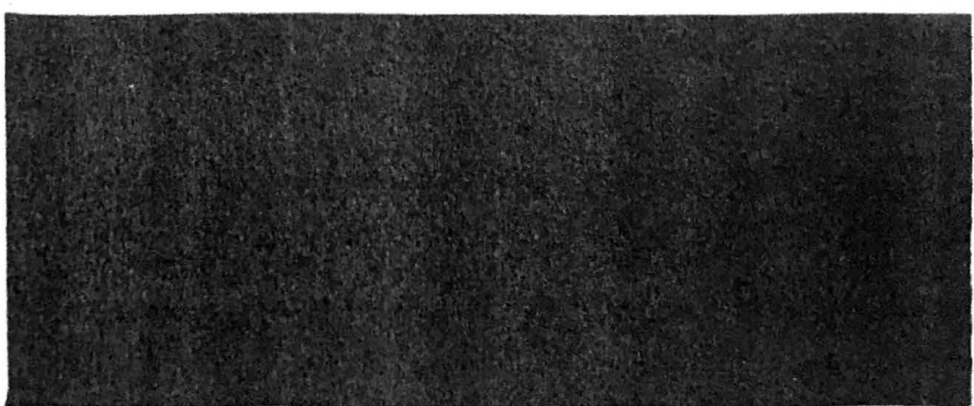
The MOD's public position on the UFO phenomenon is that it is of 'no defence significance'. But my official research and investigation turned up numerous cases that seemed to contradict such a conclusion: RAF jets had been scrambled to intercept mystery craft tracked on radar; civil and military pilots were having close encounters with UFOs; unidentified craft the size of jumbo jets were flying over military bases. Such incidents led me to speak out publicly about the UFO phenomenon and warn that there were serious defence and national-security issues at stake, given that our sophisticated air-defence network was being routinely penetrated by these unidentified craft.

Although there have been attempts to portray me as a maverick, I'm certainly not the only person within the establishment to think along these lines. There have, for example, been several dozen UFO-related questions asked in the House of Commons over the last few years and there are plenty in the *Parliamentary Record* who share my concerns. Despite this there is a noticeable, worrying tendency in certain quarters to 'go over the top' in their explanations. There are a number of possible reasons for this. The subject is highly controversial, certainly attracts more than its fair share of publicity and therefore and this may have led some people to doubt the exact precision with which they are throwing out the baby with the bathwater. It is also possible that narrow-mindedness is to blame. A certain individual's refusal to contemplate possibilities that would challenge his long-held belief systems. Others would doubtless suggest a more sinister explanation: the idea that some within government are involved in a conspiracy to keep the truth about UFOs from the public is widely held among ufologists.

While investigating UFO sightings for the government I had access to a massive archive of over two hundred relevant files, dating from the early forties. These contained accounts of previous UFO sightings and the subsequent official investigations, together with public correspondence and more general policy work. Until Britain gets its eagerly anticipated Freedom of Information Act, the public is denied access to all but a handful of these files. Yet even those that are currently available at the Public Record Office in Kew contain more than enough to challenge the idea that UFOs are of 'no defence significance': many of the documents are stamped 'Secret' and show just how seriously the subject is taken by those charged with the defence of the realm.

One file that is certainly *not* available to the public attracted my attention more than the others. It seemed to offer the most tantalizing clues yet that some UFO sightings really did involve something truly exotic and not entirely benign. This was the file on the Rendlesham Forest incident and this book tells the story of this fascinating case.

Even the most basic information about this incident is



extraordinary; a series of UFO encounters took place in Rendlesham Forest in Suffolk, between the twin bases of RAF Bentwaters and RAF Woodbridge. Though nominally RAF bases, they were actually United States Air Force facilities and most of the witnesses to these events were USAF personnel. The official report on these incidents was submitted to the MOD by Lieutenant Colonel Charles Halt, the deputy base commander, who was himself a witness to some of the events. His memorandum described a glowing object, triangular in shape and metallic in appearance, which was seen manoeuvring through the forest and at one point even appeared to land. Nearby farm animals were sent into a frenzy. Subsequent investigation revealed three strange indentations on the forest floor in the clearing where the craft was seen to land and to damage the trees at the edge of the clearing. Radiation readings were taken from the area and peaked in the indentations. This initial incident, together with later UFO sightings involving spectacular displays of light, was witnessed by numerous military witnesses and correlated by radar evidence.

These events alone, one might assume, would contradict any idea that UFOs are of 'no defence significance', yet this is precisely the position that the MOD takes on this incident. On several occasions when members of the public have written to the MOD or when questions have been tabled in parliament, the department's response has been to describe the event as involving the sighting of 'unusual lights in the sky' or 'unexplained lights'. This has prompted some to argue that there is an official policy to downplay the events, because even Halt's memorandum – which has been in the public domain for some years – makes it *abundantly* clear that there was much more to this incident than just lights in the sky. One person who has confirmed that, contrary to the official line, these events were of great defence significance is Admiral of the Fleet, The Lord Hill-Norton. Lord Hill-Norton is a former chief of the defence staff and chairman of the NATO military committee, so there can be few people better qualified to offer an informed view on this case.

Extraordinary though these events are, much of the story remained untold until now, despite diligent research from ufologists.

coupled with considerable press attention from MPs and poets. This book changes everything and offers, for the first time as currently possible of the incidents themselves and the far less extraordinary aftermath of these events. Georgina Bruni has researched a wealth of new material which finally brings to light an event that might, in time, come to be regarded as a major episode in human history. This is certainly a book that will not only challenge the views and dent the reputations of certain people but also, if read in full, it will leave an unpleasant taste in the mouths of those who find some awkward questions for the many people who were taken that many of those caught up in these events, and seen at this as being overdue, because some of these people have not been recognized as a result of what happened, and if some of this information could have been prevented, it is only right that there should be a reckoning. This book, as well as setting the record straight about what actually happened at Rendlesham Forest, might help bring about such a reckoning.

Georgina Bruni, it has to be said, does not fit the public image of a ufologist – indeed, she would not classify herself as such. Trained as a private detective she has been a freelance investigative writer who specializes in exposing the activities of cults. But she is also a successful businesswoman who organizes social functions, promotes celebrity clients and runs an Internet magazine. She is well connected and mixes freely with politicians, diplomats and other key movers and shakers. It is this that has enabled her to access information, track down witnesses and elicit informed comments that have eluded other researchers. Few aside from Georgina would have been able to obtain comments on the UFO phenomenon from former Prime Minister Baroness Thatcher, or arrange a face-to-face meeting with Gordon Williams, the retired USAF major general who commanded RAF Bentwaters/Woodbridge at the time of the incident. This unprecedented access, together with the fact that the MOD gave Georgina a guided tour of the Woodbridge base during her research, will doubtless cause some to wonder whether this book has been written with official blessing, as a way of finally releasing

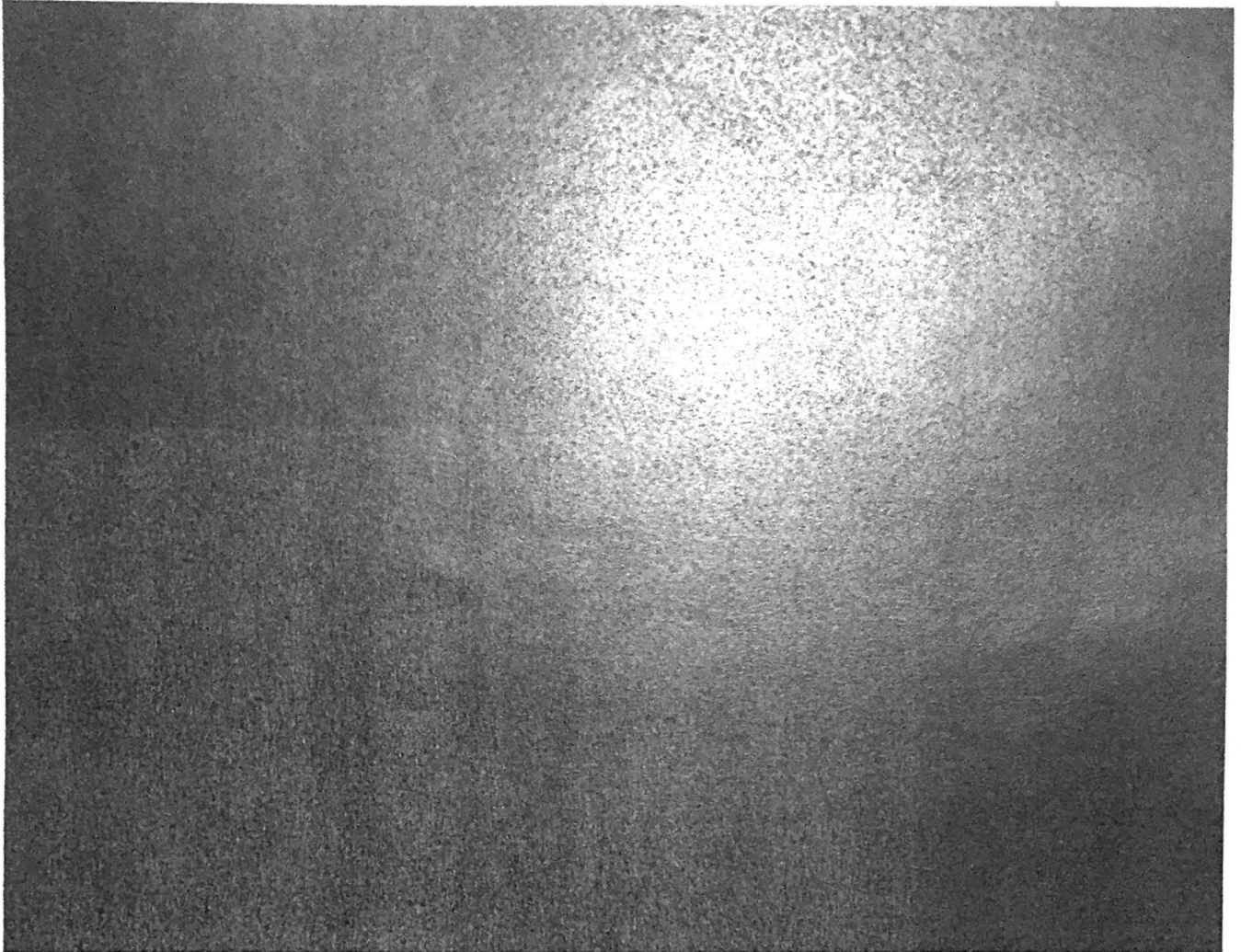
the full story of this incident. While this goes too far to be said certainly be true to say that Georgina has persuaded many of those involved in the events to speak out about what happened in a way that will bring this information into the public domain. While this certainly doesn't make the book an official venture, it does mean that it contains much of the information that would be contained in any official history of the incident that were to be written.

I believe this interesting, disturbing and well-researched book will come to be regarded as the definitive account of the Rendlesham Forest incident. But aside from appealing to the general public, it is my hope that it will be widely read by politicians, civil servants and the military and that it will serve as a briefing document for the establishment in the continued absence of any detailed and definitive official comment on these events.

Nick Pope is a civil servant at the Ministry of Defence, where he is a higher executive officer – a rank broadly equivalent to that of a major in the army. Best known for his official research and investigation of UFOs, alien abductions, crop circles and other paranormal phenomena, he is recognized as a leading authority on such matters. He is the author of Open Skies, Closed Minds; The Uninvited; Operation Thunder Child and Operation Lightning Strike.

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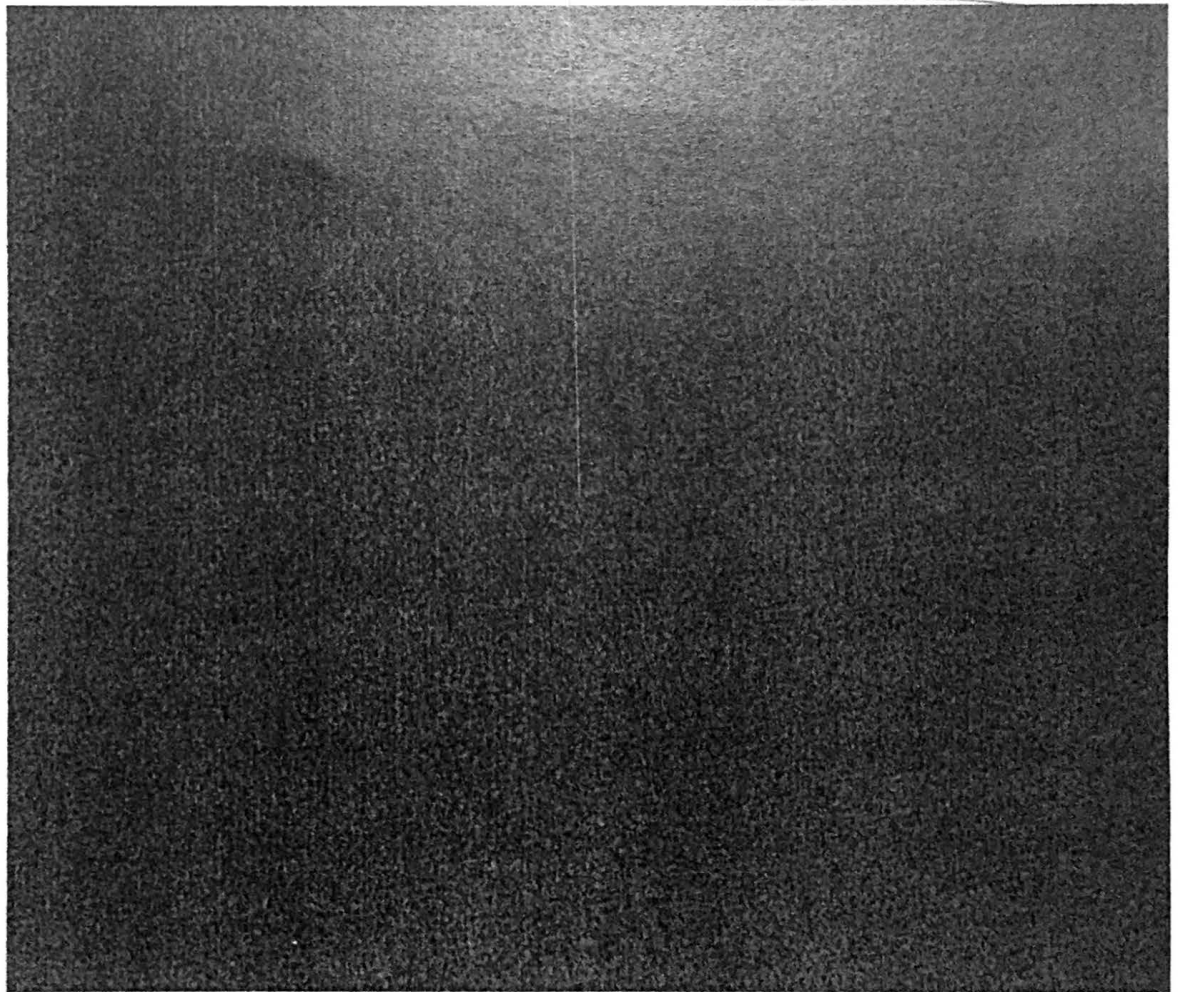
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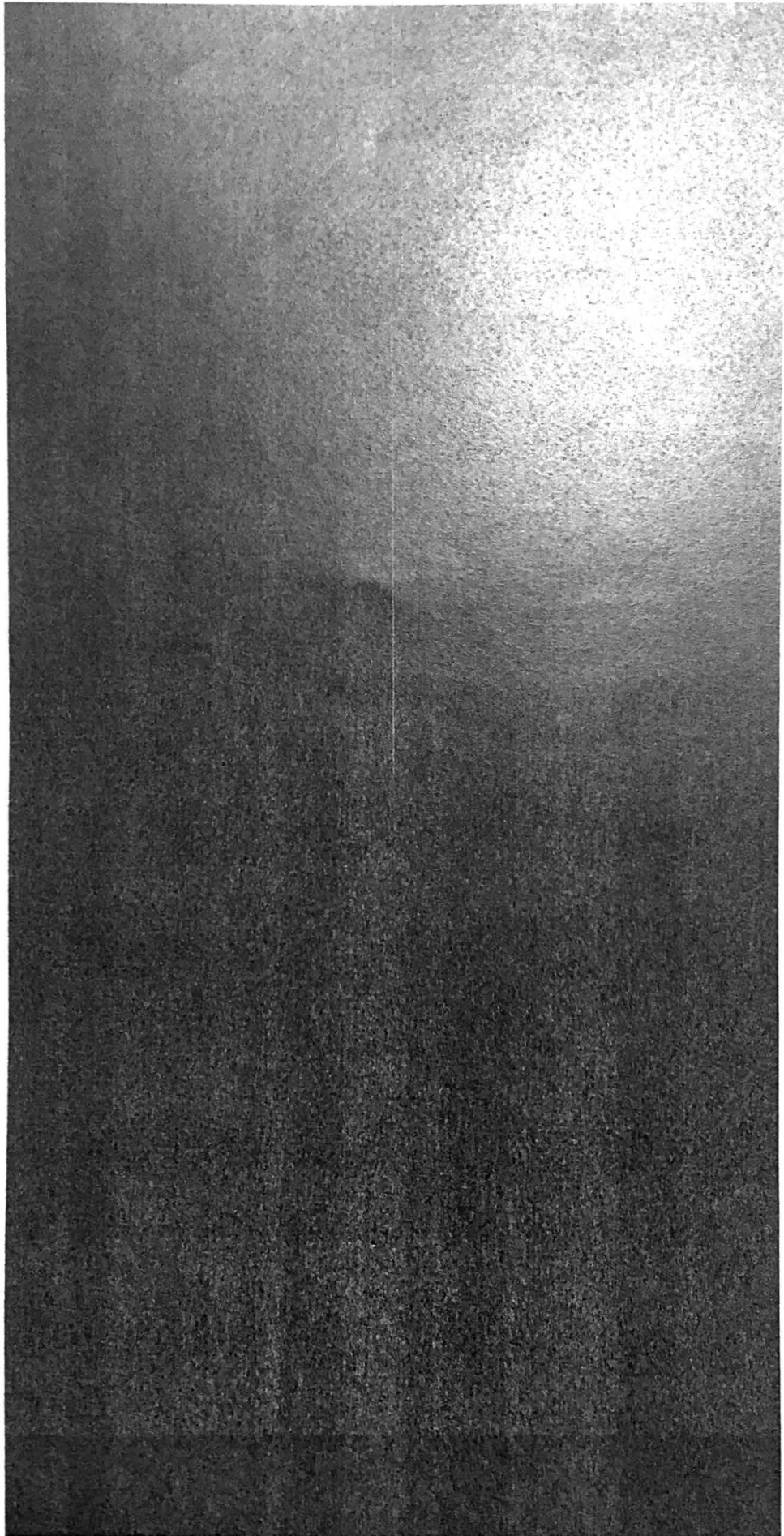
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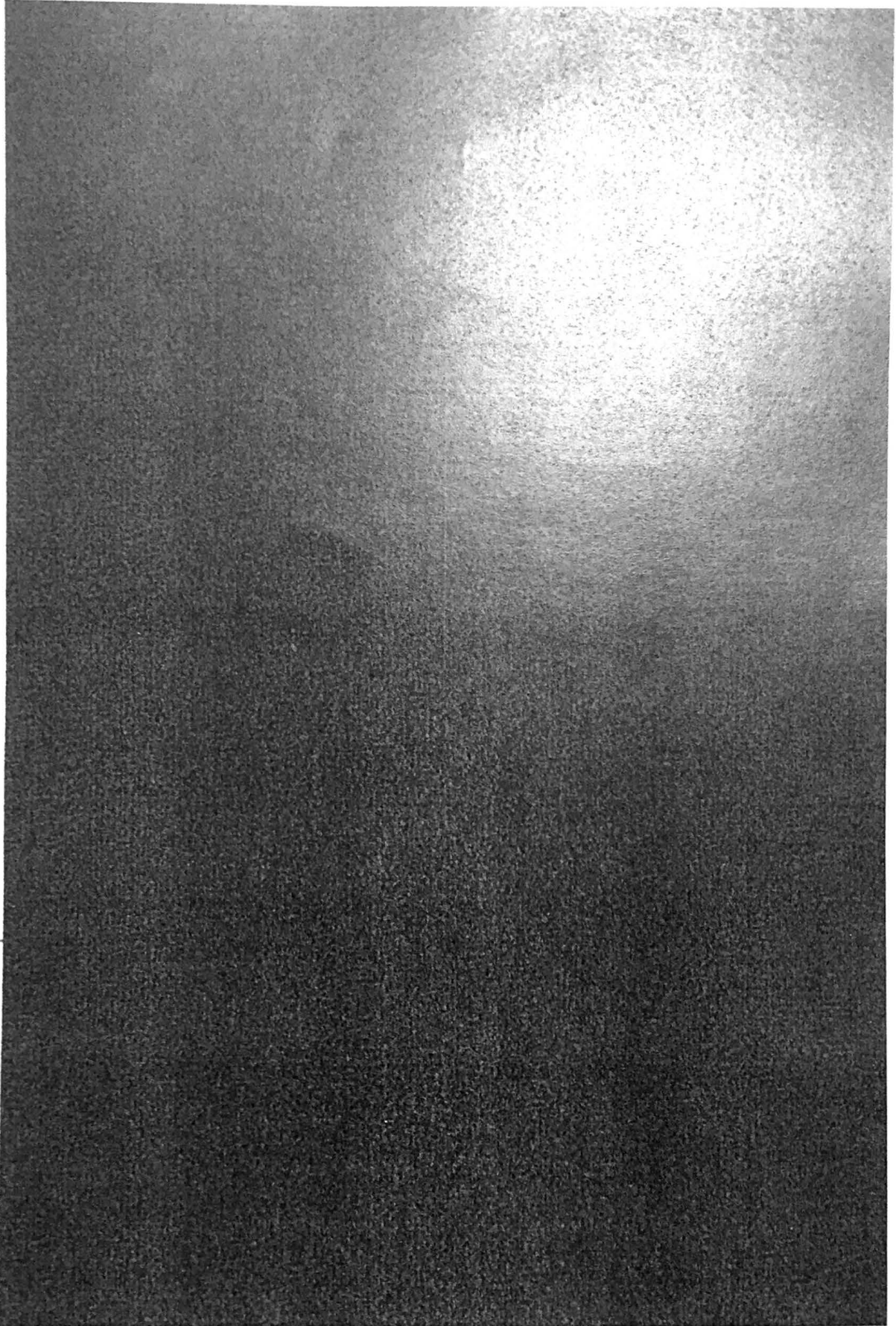
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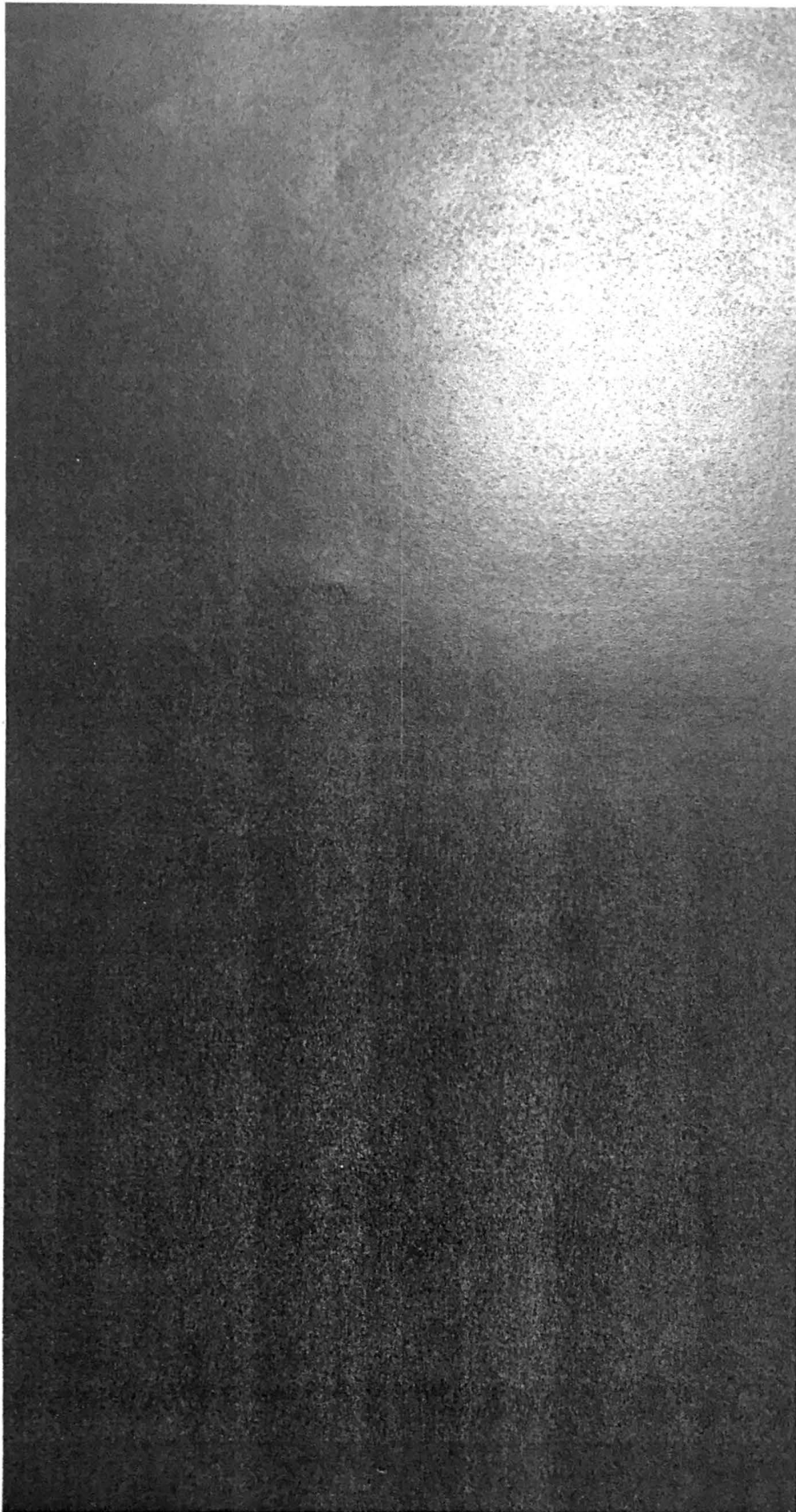


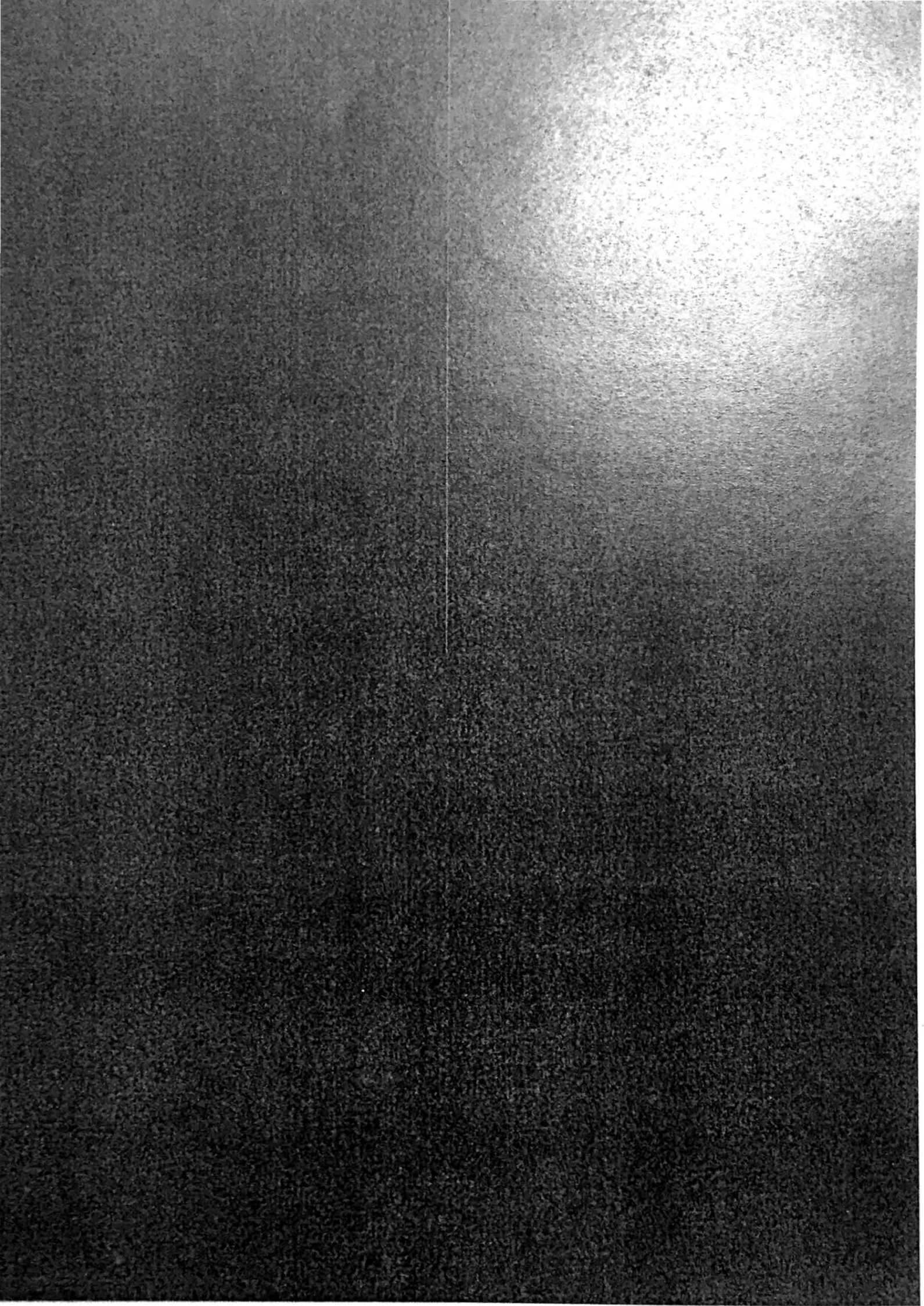
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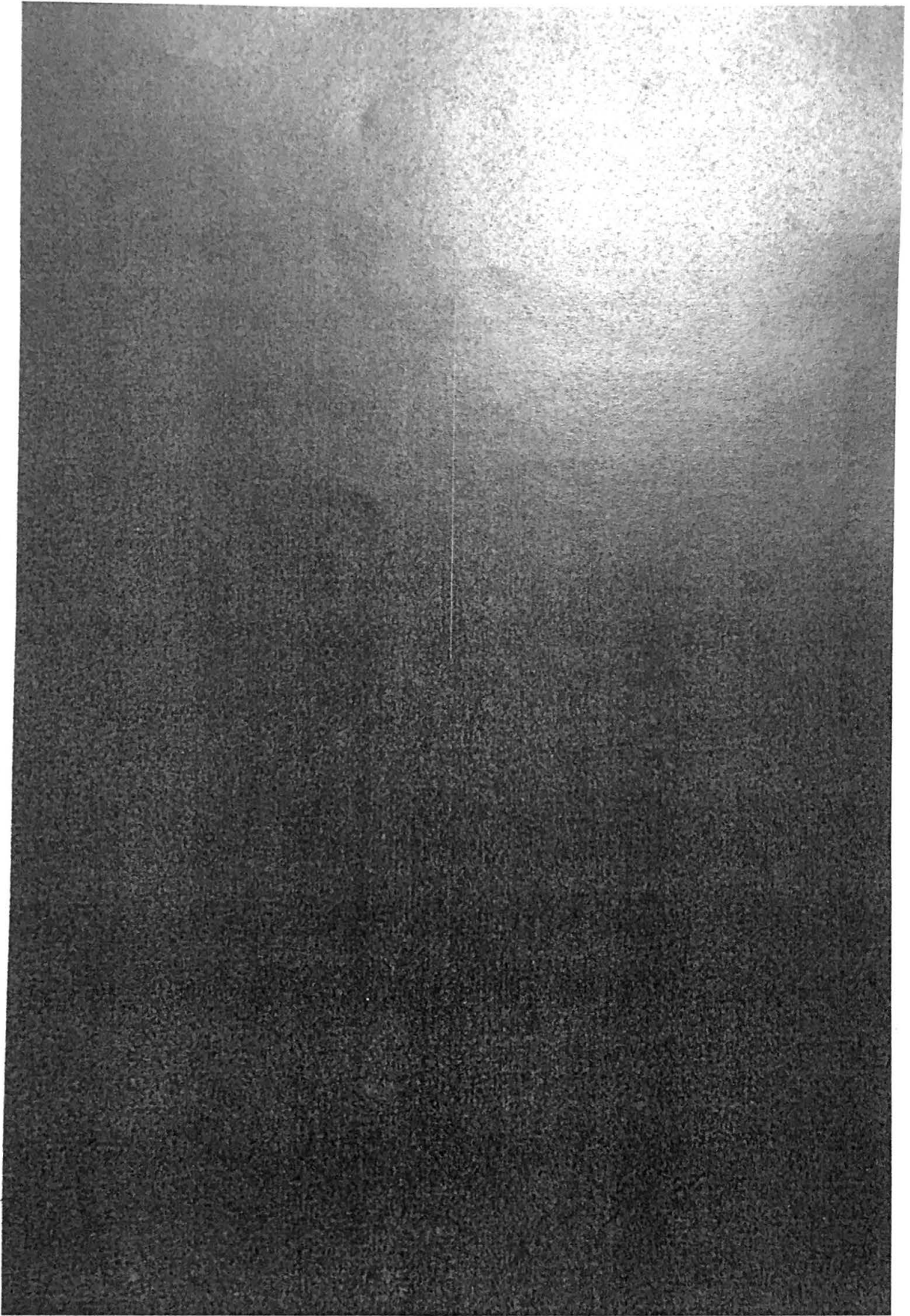


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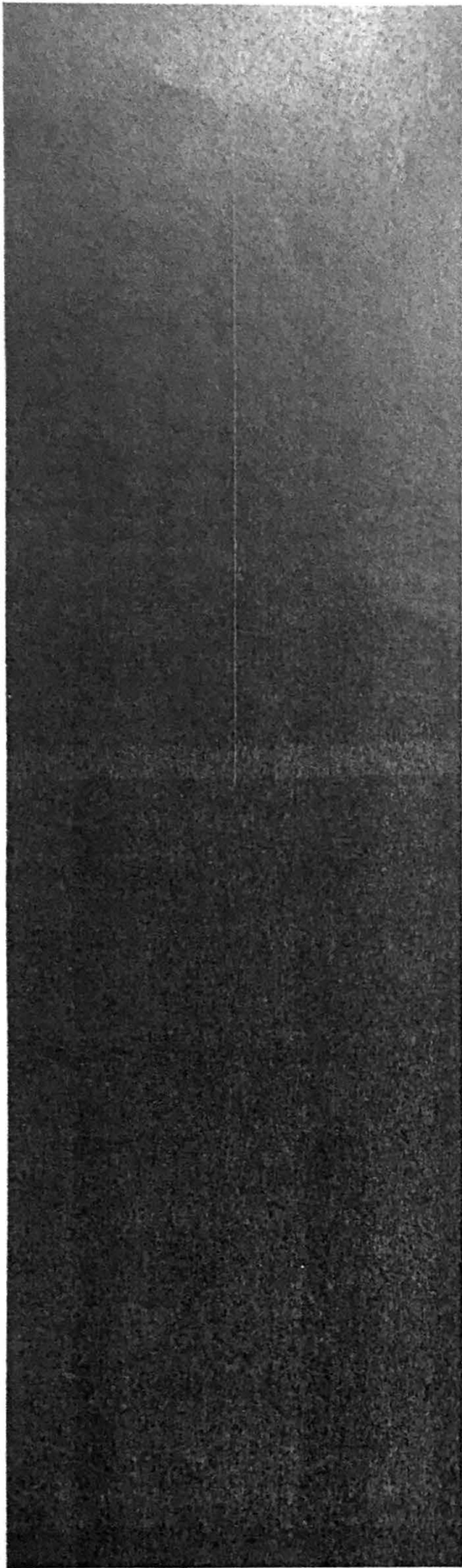








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NEWS BRIEF

DATE 13 NOVEMBER 2000

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SUBJECT BOOK RELEASE ON 'UFO'S'

SOURCE Branch DAS 4a1(Sec) [redacted] Tel: [redacted]

PRESS OFFICER Sdn Ldr [redacted] - D News RAF

BACKGROUND

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On the 14 November a party is due to take place in Henry VIII wine cellar in Main Building. It is a charity event organised by two MOD civil servants to raise money for the British Limbless Ex-Serviceman's Association. A book was published on the 10 November by Georgina Bruni entitled 'You Can't tell the people' which is about a well known alleged 'UFO' sighting in Rendlesham Forrest, Suffolk in December 1980. Georgina Bruni is a supporter of the charity and will be selling copies of her book at this event, the profits of which will go to the charity.

There has been interest in the Rendlesham Forrest sighting since 1983 when details became available in the US under their Freedom of Information Act. The book is critical of US agencies and a cover-up is alleged

[redacted]

In it he says he hopes this book will bring about 'a reckoning'. The guest list for this event includes press representatives from newspapers, 'UFO' publications, television and radio, so future articles about this event are likely. As the event is to take place in Main Building, the suggestion may be made that the MOD endorses the views of the book's author.

KEY MESSAGES

- * The party is a charity event organised by two MOD civil servants engaged in charity fundraising.
- * This event has been arranged to raise funds for the British Limbless Ex-Serviceman's Association.
- * Although this event is taking place on MOD premises, this does not mean MOD endorses the book. A statement to that effect is to be read out at the event.
- * MOD is only interested in 'UFO' sighting reports to the extent that the United Kingdom's airspace may have been compromised by hostile or unauthorised air activity. Unless there is evidence of a potential threat to United Kingdom from an external source, MOD does not attempt to identify the precise nature of each report sighting.
- * The MOD does not have any expertise or role in respect of 'UFO/flying saucers', or the existence/non-existence of extraterrestrial lifeforms, about which it remains totally open-minded. To date the MOD knows of no evidence which substantiates the existence of these alleged phenomena.

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* [REDACTED] was an EO in Sec(AS)2, he left the Branch in [REDACTED] The views expressed by [REDACTED] in books and the media are entirely his own

SUPPLEMENTARY MESSAGES

* There are no security implications, as is normal on such occasions, if you wish to send to the Department some time in advance of the function.

* There is no cost to MOD in holding this charitable event and no charge will be levied against the organisers.

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13 November 2000

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'UFOs': USE OF MOD MAIN BUILDING FACILITIES TO PROMOTE A BOOK ON 'UFOs'**Issue**

1. Whether action should be taken to prevent a private party in the Henry VIII Wine Cellar in Main Building which is being used to promote a book by Georgina Bruni "You Can't Tell the People - the Definitive Account of the Rendlesham Forest UFO Mystery".

Recommendation

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2. Given the assurances that have been obtained from the organisers and [REDACTED] and following discussions with DCCS, it is considered that this event should be permitted to take place. Action to cancel this declared private function, would undoubtedly generate adverse criticism.

Timing

3. Urgent. The Henry VIII Wine Cellar has been booked for the evening of Tuesday, 14 November.

Background

4. On the inside cover of her book Georgina Bruni is credited with being the founder of an Internet magazine (Hot Gossip UK) and "researcher into the unexplained". The book itself concerns a well known 'UFO' incident alleged to have occurred in

Rendlesham Forest in Suffolk over the Christmas period in 1978. The book is critical of MOD actions and policy and makes the accusation that the UK establishment is perpetuating a "cover up to hide the details of the Rendlesham Forest incident".

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publication of the Foreword, the degree of compliance with the "Guidelines for Clearance Procedures for Dealing with the Media and the Press and the 'Clearance Writing'", is being examined.

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6. The prime aim of the party is to raise funds for the British Blindless Ex-Serviceman's Association (BLEESMA). It is understood that a retired Royal Air Force officer and the book's author will speak at the party, as will [redacted]. Copies of the book will be on sale and the proceeds are to go to BLEESMA. The party's sponsors have supplied a guest list that includes the names of a number of press representatives, from television, radio, the newspapers (including the Times and Mirror Group) and at least one 'UFO' publication.

6. DAS(Sec) is the Department's focal point for correspondence relating to 'UFOs'. MOD's interest in 'UFOs' is limited to whether alleged sightings might have any defence significance; namely, if they provide evidence that the United Kingdom's airspace may have been compromised by hostile or unauthorised air activity. DAS(Sec) became aware of the party when contacted by a reporter from FOCUS magazine who had been asked to cover the event. The sponsors have given assurances that:

- a statement will be read out at the start of the event which states that use of the Wine Cellar is not to be taken as official endorsement of the book;

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- [redacted] has been discouraged from mentioning this event on television;

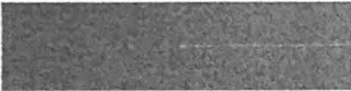
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- [redacted] will not appear at the event dressed as characters from "The X-Files (as has been rumoured).

Presentation

7. A number of media representatives have been invited by the sponsors, albeit some in a personal capacity, to attend this function. It is entirely possible that the subject will feature in the press later this week. On the basis that this is a charitable occasion, and in the light of the above assurances, cancellation of the event or denying access to individuals on the guest list, in particular those from the media, would doubtless lead to speculation that MOD does indeed have "something to hide".

8. This matter has been discussed with DCCS who have agreed to let the event take place. As the suggestion may be made that presence at the location MOD property implies some form of official support, the presence of MOD staff to address this and related matters.

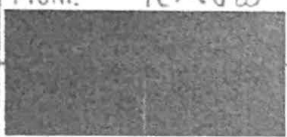


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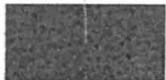
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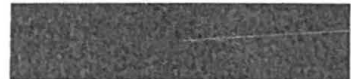
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Please find attached some last minute additions to our guest list. Other than  the others are not members of the media but my personal friends who will be assisting on the evening

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Regards

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From: [REDACTED] (DAS 4 (Sec)) *90 mins.*
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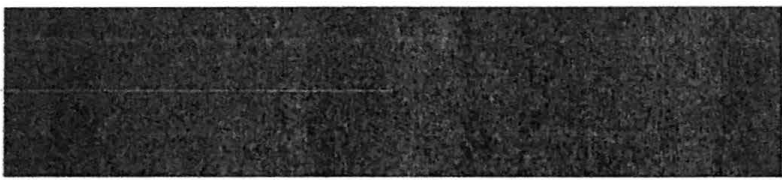
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SIGNATURE:	Section 40	

A	DATE:	23/11/00	TIME:	2235 Z	DURATION OF SIGHTING:	NK
B	DESCRIPTION OF OBJECT:				Smell?	
	Number	1	Other 8-10 CIRCULAR OBJECTS ATTACHED			
	Size	LARGE				
	Shape	CIRCULAR				
	Colour	PINK				
	Brightness					
	Sound?					
C	EXACT POSITION OF OBSERVER:					
	Geographical location: HUNTSMEAD					
	Indoors/Outdoors/Stationary/Moving ENFIELD TO POTTERS BAR					
D	HOW OBJECT WAS OBSERVED:					
	Naked eye/Binoculars/Camera/Video camera					
E	DIRECTION IN WHICH OBJECT WAS FIRST SEEN: (A landmark may be useful)					
	NWW ENFIELD → POTTERS BAR					
F	ANGLE OF SIGHT:					
G	DISTANCE (By reference to a known landmark if possible):					
H	MOVEMENT OF OBJECT:					
J	MET CONDITIONS DURING OBSERVATION (Moving clouds, mist, haze etc):					
	DARK (NIGHT)					
K	NEARBY OBJECTS OR BUILDINGS:					
L	TO WHOM REPORTED:					
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ANNEX A TO
REP 502REPORT OF AN UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT

1. Date, time & duration of sighting	16 NOV 88 1500 DURATION 12 SECONDS
2. Description of object (No of objects, size, shape, colour, brightness, noise)	1 OBJECT - FOOTBALL SIZED AND SHAPE. BRILLIANT LIGHT WITH SHORT 'TRAIL' OF LESSER LIGHT. NO NOISE.
3. Exact position of observer (Indoors/outdoors, stationary/moving)	DRIVING CAR ON M18 SOUTHBOUND - JUST SOUTH OF THORNE SERVICES
4. How observed (Naked eye, binoculars, other optical device, camera or camcorder)	NAKED EYE.
5. Direction in which object first seen (A landmark may be more useful than a roughly estimated bearing)	ON THE RIGHT - MOVING RIGHT TO LEFT.
6. Angle of sight (Estimated heights are unreliable)	NO COMMENT
7. Distance (By reference to a known landmark)	UNABLE TO JUDGE
8. Movements (Changes in 5, 6 & 7 may be of more use than estimates of course and speed)	INITIALLY ERRATIC RIGHT TO LEFT PASSING NEAR OVERHEAD THEN CLIMBED VERTICALLY AT VERY HIGH SPEED.
9. Met conditions during observations (Moving clouds, haze, mist etc)	VERY LOW LEVEL MIST OVER FIELDS BUT SKY WAS CLEAR AND VISIBILITY OTHERWISE VERY GOOD.
10. Nearby objects (Telephone lines, high voltage lines, reservoir, lake or dam, swamp or marsh, river, high buildings, tall chimneys, steeples, spires, TV or radio masts, airfields, generating plant, factories, pits or other sites with floodlights or night lighting)	NO COMMENT

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11. To whom reported (Police, military, press etc)	INFORMANT REPORTED TO [REDACTED] WHO ADVISED HE SHOULD REPORT TO THORNE POLICE STATION TO DONCASTER POLICE [REDACTED] WHO FILED DETAILS TO RAF WADDINGTON.
12. Name & address of informant	[REDACTED]
13. Background of informant that may be volunteered	EX RAF POLICE - LEFT IN 1984. Section 40
14. Other witnesses	[REDACTED] MAINTAINED THAT CARS ON BOTH CARRIAGES WERE SWERVING AND OCCUPANTS LOOKING AT OBJECT.
15. Date and time of receipt	142054 NOV 00 Section 40
16. Any unusual meteorological conditions	TEMPERATURE RAPIDLY FALLING TO 0°C WITH LOWEST F'CAT -1°C UNLES) FOG PREVENTS FREEZING - FOG VERY LOW LEVEL/THIN AND VERY PATCHY - VIS V. CLEAR.
17. Remarks	I SPOKE TO [REDACTED] AND HE SOUNDED VERY NERVOUS. IT IS THE FIRST TIME HE HAS SEEN ANYTHING LIKE THIS BUT HE IS EMPHATIC THAT, AS IS VERY FAMILIAR WITH AIRCRAFT LDG AND NAV LIGHTS, THAT THIS WAS NOT ANY FORM OF AIRCRAFT. I VENTURE TO SUSPECT, IN MY OPINION, IT MAY BE 'BALL' LIGHTNING. I THANKED HIM FOR REPORTING THIS AND I ASSURED HIM THAT THE DETAILS WOULD BE SENT TO THE APPROPRIATE DEPARTMENT. HE WAS DISAPPOINTED THAT NO-ONE ELSE HAD REPORTED THE SIGHTING.

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D/Sec(AS)/64/2

24 November 2000


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CREDIBLE WITNESS REPORTS DATED 14 & 23 NOVEMBER 2000.

1. In line with our current policy, please find attached two separate 'UFO' reports, one from an ex-RAF police officer on 14 November and one from a civil police officer on 23 November
2. I would be grateful if you could let me know if the reports represent anything of air defence interest.

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Section 40 [REDACTED] - DSI/JTIC REPORT NO 7 "UFOs"

Reference: D Info(Exp)R/3/7/8 dated 18 September 2000

Section 40 1. [REDACTED] has now replied to my letter of 18 September 2000 (Reference) and I attach a copy of his reply.

2. He raises two points/questions:

(1) in expressing his lack of satisfaction with my original advice he seeks confirmation that the report is officially "lost" or whether I [we] believe that it exists but cannot be found;

Section 40 (2) he has also identified a record from the Public Record Office listings *DEFE 40/27* relating to [REDACTED] visit to the States in 1953 that he believes contains information relevant to his research into "UFOs". He asks why it is closed, whether it could be declassified or if this is not possible whether information relevant to his area of research is contained on the file.

3. My proposed draft reply (attached) covers his first point.

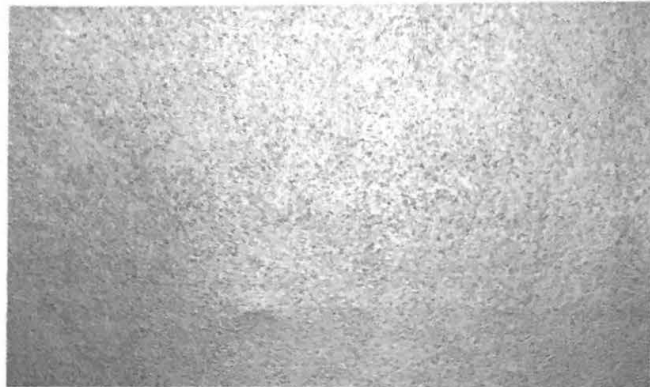
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4. As to his second point, I have personally examined the file. Without going into too much detail the file consists of [REDACTED] report of his visit to the States; it goes into detail about the levels of co-operation in respect of UK and US technical intelligence gathering that is still sensitive from both a UK and US perspective. As such it is clearly "intelligence sensitive" and quite rightly is closed to the public being retained in department with the Lord Chancellors approval in accordance with Section 3(4) of the Public Records Act of 1958. Under the proposed Freedom of Information legislation release of this type of information would be exempt. [REDACTED] report makes no reference to "UFOs". My draft reply makes this clear.

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5. I welcome comments from all.

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DRAFT REPLY TO [REDACTED]

Thank you for your letter dated 10 October 2000 in which you raise two further points in connection with your research into unidentified flying objects (UFOs).

You sought clarification to the status of DSI/JTIC Report No7. As I have previously advised only after learning of the existence of this report just a few years ago my staff have been alert to the need to locate it.

As with other government departments the Ministry of Defence is bound by the terms of the Public Records Act, 1958 and 1967. The Act requires departments to review their records selecting those thought suitable for permanent preservation and to transfer them into the custody of the Public Record Office at the 30-year point. Records too sensitive for release at this point may remain close under the authority of the Lord Chancellor, subject to periodic reviews. Records not selected for preservation are destroyed no later than the 30-year point.

In keeping with PRO guidance the MOD conducts two main reviews undertaken by Departmental Record Office (DRO) staff plus an additional pre-review by branches. For records surviving the pre and first review the final review occurs at the 25-year point ie we are therefore currently reviewing records created in the mid-1970s.

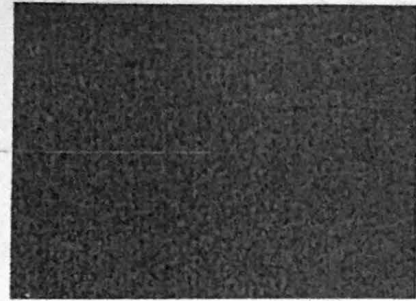
Our lack of success in locating Report No 7 in the Defence Records archive, the Defence Intelligence Staff's file store and its apparent absence at the PRO catalogue to me conclude that the document has not survived the passage of time.

As to *DEFE 40/271* I have examined this piece and can confirm our previous assessments in that it remains sensitive and should continue to be retained in department in accordance with Section 3(4) of the Public Records Act of 1958. I can advise you though that the file, which is in the main a report of [REDACTED] visit to the States together with a few letters, contains no references to "UFOs".

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I hope that this clarifies the matter.

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10/10/00


Dear 

Thank you for your letter date 18 September 2000 explaining reasons why you could not locate 'Report no. 7'.

However I am not entirely satisfied with this response and wonder if you could clarify it for me.



As there is a clear reference to the fact that Report no. 7 was retrieved and placed with materials from 1967, and as the M.O.D., by its own admission, has retained all UFO files since 1967, this Report should still be in existence. Could you therefore confirm if it is officially 'lost' or whether you believe it still exists but that you cannot locate it at this moment in time?

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There is another matter with which you may be able to help. I am doing detailed research on the life and career of  and his involvement with UFO study. After visiting the P.R.O. several times and going through all the existing files I note that one file in particular, DEFE 40/27, is still closed. This file relates to his visit to the USA in 1953.

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I believe that there is information in this file pertaining to  and UFOs, specifically in respect of  meeting with the U.S. 'Robertson Panel'. Could you explain why this file is still closed after 30 years please? Would it be possible to request that it is now declassified? If neither of these are possible could you tell me if the file *does* contain UFO material or not? If that is the case then I am requesting access to or copies of this material and will pay any reasonable costs incurred in doing so.

May I take this opportunity to thank you for your time and efforts so far with my requests. I look forward to your reply.

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UNIDENTIFIED AERIAL PHENOMENA (UAP) – CESSATION OF DIS INVOLVEMENT

1. The DIS has received copies of UAP sighting reports from Sec(AS) for about 30 years. There has been no formal Customer Agreement or reporting requirement specifically associated with the reports. Until recently these have been filed with only a cursory look at the contents by DI55 to discover whether anything of intelligence value could be determined. However, it was obvious that any value from the sighting data could only be derived by carrying out a Study of a significant sample of the reports. Consequently, over the past 2 years DI55, under low priority tasking, has compiled a database of information taken from reports received between 1987 and 1997, and has carried out an analysis based on data statistics.

2. The main conclusion of the Study is that the sighting reports provide nothing of value to us in our assessment of threat weapon systems. Taken together with other evidence, we believe that many of the sightings can be explained as: mis-reporting of man-made vehicles; natural but not unusual phenomena, and natural but relatively rare and not completely understood phenomena. [We have also concluded that there is no evidence that the sightings are associated with a hostile power, nor are they under any form of control directed as a threat to the UK.] *open to debate - this is UK intelligence province*

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3. The DI55 work has also produced subsidiary findings. The potential explanations of UAP sightings, the characteristics of natural atmospheric phenomena and the consequences of sightings from aircraft will be of interest to those responsible for flight safety. Similarly the characteristics of some of the phenomena with respect to their detection on UKADR systems will be of interest to both the ADGE and flight safety staff. Finally, DG(R&T) will be interested in those phenomena associated with plasma formations, which have potential applications to novel weapon technology. Although much of this is outside our core remit we are providing the relevant staff with our findings as appropriate.

4. As a consequence of our main conclusion to this study, we shall not be carrying out any further work on this subject and we no longer require copies of the sighting reports. You are requested to inform your staff accordingly. For the present we have archived the files containing the sighting reports (for future review). However, as these are copies passed to us from your department it would suggest that you hold the masters and our copies could be destroyed. We would welcome your advice on disposal action.

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UNIDENTIFIED AERIAL PHENOMENA (UAP) - DI55 REPORT

1. The DIS has received copies of UAP sighting reports from Sec(AS) for about 30 years. Until recently these have been filed with only a cursory look at the contents by DI55 to discover whether anything of intelligence value could be determined. However, it was obvious that any value from the sighting data could only be derived by carrying out a Study of a significant sample of the reports. Consequently, over the past 2 years DI55, under low priority tasking, has compiled a database of information taken from reports received between 1987 and 1997, and has carried out an analysis based on data statistics. A report is now available. With the exception of DG(R&T), who receives the full report, other addressees are being provided with the Executive Summary only, which details the main findings of the Study. Should you require the full report, or parts of it, contact details are given on page 3 of the Summary.

2. The main conclusion of the Study is that the sighting reports provide nothing of value to the DIS in our assessment of threat weapon systems. Taken together with other evidence, we believe that many of the sightings can be explained as: mis-reporting of man-made vehicles; natural but not unusual phenomena, and natural but relatively rare and not completely understood phenomena. [We have also concluded that there is no evidence that the sightings are associated with a hostile power nor are they under any form of control directed as a threat to the UK.] It is for these reasons that we have taken the decision to do no further work on the subject and will no longer receive copies of sighting reports.

3. In addition to this major conclusion, however, the study produced subsidiary findings which will be of interest to addressees. The potential explanations of UAP sightings, the characteristics of natural atmospheric phenomena and the consequences of sightings from aircraft will be of interest to those responsible for flight safety. Similarly the characteristics of some of the phenomena with respect to their detection on UKADR systems will be of interest to both the ADGE and flight safety staff. Finally, DG(R&T) will be interested in those phenomena associated with plasma formations, which have potential applications to novel weapon technology.

1 *The COVERING SECRET mark applies to the DG(R&T) copy only

4. Although we intend to carry out no further work on the subject, we would value any comments you may wish to make on the report. Please direct such comments to AD/DI55. Finally, while most of the report is classified at only RESTRICTED UKEO, we hardly need remind addressees of the media interest in this subject and consequently the sensitivity of the report. Please protect this subject accordingly, and discuss the report only with those who have a need to know.

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1. Unidentified Aerial Phenomena in the UK Air Defence Region: Executive Summary.
2. Unidentified Aerial Phenomena in the UK Air Defence Region: Vols 1, 2, 3.

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Enclosure:

DCDE, IFS(RAF), HQ NATO - Executive Summary only

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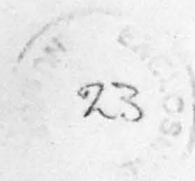
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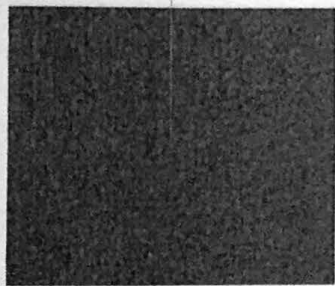
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Sec. (A.S.)2a1,
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Whitehall,
LONDON.

Your Reference: D/Sec(AS)/64/3/5

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22/11/00.

Dear



Thank you very much for your reply dated 17 November 2000, which was extremely helpful and informative.

There are a few points upon which I would appreciate your guidance.

1) An unidentified aircraft was seen exiting the UK Air Defence Region, and overtook three Royal Air Force low-level, supersonic capable ground attack aircraft on the evening of 5th November 1990.

Your correspondence dated 4 August 2000, stated that the reporting form forwarded to Sec (AS)2a by a pilot of the three-ship formation of Tornado GR1 aircraft, was the only information on file.

I am interested to learn:

- a) Why the additional information forwarded by DAS 4a1(Sec) to me in your previous reply, was not in the same file as the pilots' report, and therefore not readily available to DAS 4a1(Sec)?
- b) If the additional information was not in this file, where was the file containing the additional information located?
- c) Whether the additional information recently discovered will now be kept permanently with the file containing the pilots' report?
- d) Is a written copy of the MOD/RAF investigation into the incident available for public scrutiny?
- e) What supporting evidence does the MOD/RAF give to justify the statement that this incident was not a hostile act by an unknown authority, and also the reasons why it was not of defence interest?
- f) As DAS 4a1(Sec) serves as the focal point for correspondence relating to unidentified aerial occurrences, which department serves as the focal point for receiving investigation reports and their respective conclusions regarding aerial sighting reports received by UK Armed Forces personnel?

With regard to your answer identified as Question 5 regarding records not for release of Air defence aircraft investigating unidentified or



uncorrelated radar targets or returns:

- a) How many records of this type exist?
- b) Between what dates were these reports received?
- c) Is there a date allocated for the release of these files, and if so, what is it?
- d) What is the reason for withholding these files from public scrutiny?

With past records being misplaced due to restructuring within the MOD, what safeguards are in place to ensure that all records available to Sec (AS)2a will be accessible and readily available to DAS 4a1(Sec)?

Thank you for your efforts to deal my enquiries, they are appreciated.

Yours faithfully,



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REQUEST FOR ACCESS TO FILES ON UFOs

Reference:
D Info(Exp)R/3/7/8 dtd 16 November 00 Section 40

1. Following earlier correspondence from [Redacted] calling for a wide range of information a refined request was provided to us on 4 September. Papers from a small number of files are now in the process of being sanitised and copied for him.

2. The outstanding element of the work relates to policy files covering the years 1968-81 and, over the last month, we have been engaged in checking what material (originating from the Air Staff Secretariat) might be included in this category. Records 1 has been good enough to draw together a list of files on the subject of UFOs originating from two areas within MOD (Reference) identifying five Secretariat files with the word "Policy" in the title. Unfortunately, despite the Secretariat's confident pronouncement that files on the subject had been retained since 1967, not all have survived. Amongst the casualties are four entitled "Policy" which, according to our records, were destroyed within the Secretariat in 1990 (along with a number of other files on the same subject containing letters from members of the public). The file held by Records 1 (AF/3459/75 Policy and Policy Statements) has already been requested by [Redacted] and is being photocopied.

3. Three other files are marked by Records 1 in their "Comments" column "Policy File"; AF/419 BBC2 "Man Alive Programme", AF/S4f(s)/422 "UFOs Radio Oxford programme" and AF/S4(Air)/506 "Statistical analysis of UFOs (in response to PQs)". This highlights our dilemma, most Secretariat files will contain a few papers that might be termed policy. When [Redacted] was asked to refine his request in August 2000 he wrote back asking for "AF/3459/75 UFOs: Policy and Policy Statements 1970. **This file plus additional policy files 1968-1981.**" It seems to me that the only files we are obliged to look at in order to close this exercise are those with the word Policy in the title, perhaps you would confirm that this assumption is correct. If that is the case, and in the light of the destruction in 1990, there are now no more Secretariat policy files from the period that

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[Redacted] has not already viewed, or are in the process of being photocopied for him. I assume any reply to [Redacted] must mention the fact that four additional policy files existed but unfortunately appear to have been destroyed in 1990. I would appreciate your advice on this point also.

4. There are 6 DI files on the list. The first two are already in the PRO and therefore readily available to [Redacted] if he wishes to view them. The third (55/40/9/1 Pt 3) is no longer available.

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The final three contain more recent material almost entirely outside the period [redacted] has requested. Only Part 4 of 55/108/15 probably holds some papers from the years up to and including 1981 and may fall to be considered at this time. I would be grateful if DI 55 would contact OMD 14 direct on this subject and would either DI or OMD let me have a form of words for the reply to [redacted] [redacted] Would you please indicate whether I should mention the destroyed Pt 3 of 55/40/9/1. As I must write by the end of this year I would be grateful for comments by COP 19 December

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REQUEST FOR ACCESS TO UFO FILES - [REDACTED]

Reference: A. D/DAS(Sec)64/3 dated 12 October 2000

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1. Your minute (Reference) together with a copy of [REDACTED] reply (10 October 2000) to your earlier letter seeks to resolve a number of outstanding matters.

A revised estimate of providing photocopies

2. I have revisited this part of the exercise. There are some minor variations in the figures but overall no changes in the final total:

DSI/JTIC Report NO7 and related intelligence reports on "UFOs" 1951-1952 -
Seven pages from DFE 31/19 & DEFE 44/1.

AIR 2/18564 - 75 pages (25 to be sanitised).

AF/3459/75 - 115 pages (5 to be sanitised).

AIR 2/18873 & AF/584 - 250 pages (150 to be sanitised).

In all I estimate that 447 pages will require photocopying, of which 180 will need to be sanitised. On the same basis as previously advised, assuming 2 minutes per enclosure the exercise will take approximately 14.9 hours, the first four hours are free leaving 10.9 hours to be charged at £15 per hour, totalling £163.50.

3. In view of the large sum involved I suggest that [REDACTED] be asked to pay a deposit, say £100, before we start work. The balance on completion. Time-scale, as before we will devote three hours per week to the activity making it a five week exercise. On receipt of the deposit (?) we will commence work.

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The identification of policy files covering the period 1968-1981

3. I attach a list of unreleased "UFO" files (Annex A). The list was compiled from; the PRO catalogue, trawl through DAS(Sec), and predecessor files stored at the main MOD archives at Hayes and through contacts in DIS. The list does not purport to be a definitive listing of "UFO" files held by MOD but just those created by two branches.

4. Three files originally stored at Hayes may be relevant to this exercise:

(1) AF/419 BBC2 Man Alive Programme - "UFOs" (1972)

(2) AF/422 "UFOs" BBC Radio Oxford Programme (1973)

(3) AF/S4FU/506 Statistical Analysis of "UFOs" (1973)

These three and the other records noted in the comments column "Records 1" await cataloguing and eventual transfer to the PRO. Should you wish to view them please let me know. Two DI55 files may also be relevant, one, appears to have been destroyed DI55/40/9/1 Part 3, covering the period 1968-71, the other, Part 4 covers the period 1971-96.

5. All other files attributed to "Records" have, following a cursory examination, the standard exchanges of correspondence between members of the public and the MOD about incidents that have been witnessed or enquiries of general interest. Files located at the PRO have not been examined as part of this exercise, but I note that all carry the standard description "UFO" reports!

What further steps could be made to locate DSI/JTIC Report No 7, Unidentified Flying Objects (1952)?

6. In short there are not the resources to undertake a full search of files stored in the two MOD archives.

7. For your background information: the PRO recommends that government departments undertake two reviews (1) one at around the five year point, and (2) another, for records surviving the first review, at the 25 year point. MOD action varies slightly in that branches undertake a local review before archiving surviving files. Records subsequently surviving local and first these reviews receive a review at the 25-year point ie my staff are currently reviewing records dating from the mid-1970s. Records selected for permanent preservation but that are too sensitive to release at the normal 30-year point may remain closed subject to the Lord Chancellor's of the day agreement. Record, whether open or closed, appear on the PRO catalogue.

8. Open records are, of course, available to researchers at Kew. Closed records can be identified by their PRO references and descriptions on the PRO catalogue. With the advent of the open government initiative (1993) more than 700 member of the public have approached this office about closed records. In addition, my staff have undertaken an accelerated review of records closed for more than 30 years. During the same period my staff have been given access to the DIS store in order to review records more than 20 years old. Our actions since 1993 have failed to locate the

missing report and as with other records over 30 years old its absence from the PRO catalogue leads to only one conclusion that it has not survived the passage of time.

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FILES IDENTIFIED RELATING TO THE SUBJECT OF "UFOs" COVERING THE PERIOD 1970 - 1981:
 EXERCISE (October 2000)

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Note.

1. At the time of the PQ December 1998 a trawl was made through the most likely MOD Form 262Fs stored at Hayes for files relating to UFOs (search was in fact limited to Sec(AS) and predecessor branches only).
2. In addition, files already reviewed, catalogue and transferred to the PRO, but have yet to be released are identified.
3. Comments column record the location of the file, if known:
 - a. PRO - Public Record Office ie awaiting release at the designated date.
 - b. Records 1 = D Info (Exp)R 1, CSY. The files are awaiting cataloguing and eventual transfer to the PRO.
 - c. Records 2 = D Info (Exp)R2, Hayes. Files are held pending transfer to D Info (Exp)R1.
 - d. Defence Intelligence Staff - DIS, OWO. Records to be transferred to D Info (Exp)R 1/ 2 in due course.
 - e. Sec(AS), now DAS(Sec).

File ref.	Date	Title	Comments
AIR 2/18564	1957-71	UFO reports West Freugh	PRO for release 2002, but as the subject of Dr Clarke's enquiry with Records 1
AIR 2/18565	1970-71	UFO reports	PRO for release 2002
AIR 2/18872	1972-73	UFO reports	PRO for release 2004
AIR 2/18873	1973-74	UFO reports	PRO for release 2005, but as the subject of Dr C's enquiry with Records 1.
AIR 2/18874	1974-75	UFO reports	PRO for release 2006
AIR 2/18920	1975-76	UFO reports	PRO for release 2007
AIR 2/18921	1976	UFO reports	PRO for release 2007
AIR 20/12067	Jan 70	UFO reports	PRO for release 2001
AIR 20/12297	Feb 70	UFO reports	PRO for release 2001
AIR 20/12298	Mar 70	UFO reports	PRO for release 2001
AIR 20/12299	Apr 70	UFO reports	PRO for release 2001
AIR 20/12300	May 70	UFO reports	PRO for release 2001
AIR 20/12301	Jun 70	UFO reports	PRO for release 2001
AIR 20/12302	Jul 70	UFO reports	PRO for release 2001
AIR 20/12303	Aug 70	UFO reports	PRO for release 2001
AIR 20/12304	Sep 70	UFO reports	PRO for release 2001
AIR 20/12305	Oct 70	UFO reports	PRO for release 2001
AIR 20/12306	Nov 70	UFO reports	PRO for release 2001
AIR 20/12399	1971-72	UFO reports	PRO for release 2003
AIR 20/12400	Jan 71	UFO reports	PRO for release 2003
AIR 20/12401	Feb 72	UFO reports	PRO for release 2003
AIR 20/12402	Mar 72	UFO reports	PRO for release 2003
AIR 20/12403	Apr 72	UFO reports	PRO for release 2003
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AIR 20/12544	Jan 73	UFO reports	PRO for release 2004
AIR 20/12545	Feb 73	UFO reports	PRO for release 2004
AIR 20/12546	Mar 73	UFO reports	PRO for release 2004
AIR 20/12547	Apr 73	UFO reports	PRO for release 2004
AIR 20/12548	May 73	UFO reports	PRO for release 2004
AIR 20/12549	Jun 73	UFO reports	PRO for release 2004
AIR 20/12550	Jul 73	UFO reports	PRO for release 2004
AIR 20/12551	Aug 73	UFO reports	PRO for release 2004
AIR 20/12552	Sep 73	UFO reports	PRO for release 2004
AIR 20/12553	Oct 73	UFO reports	PRO for release 2004
AIR 20/12554	Nov 73	UFO reports	PRO for release 2004
AIR 20/12555	Dec 73	UFO reports	PRO for release 2004
BJ 5/311	1968-70	UFO, Met aspects	PRO for release 2001
AF/419	Dec 71	BBC 2 Man Alive programme	"POLICY FILE" Records 1
AF/S4f(a)/422	Dec 72	UFOs Radio Oxford programme	"POLICY FILE" Records 1
AF/447 Pt 1	Aug 75 - Jun 76	Edited Reports	Records 1 Edited very badly. Some are duplicated in files marked thus * (below)
AF/S4f(Air)/506	1967-73	Statistical analysis of UFOs (in response to PQs)	"POLICY FILE" Records 1
AF/584	Jan 74	Reports	Records 1
AF/585	Feb 74	Reports	Records 1
AF/586	Mar 74	Reports	Records 1
AF/587	Apr 74	Reports	Records 1
AF/588	May 74	Reports	Records 1
AF/589	Jun 74	Reports	Records 1
AF/590	Jul 74	Reports	Records 1
AF/591	Aug 74	Reports	Records 1
AF/592	Sep 74	Reports	Records 1
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AF/596	Jan 75	Reports	Records 1
AF/587	Feb 75	Reports	Records 1
AF/598	Mar 75	Reports	Records 1
AF/599	Apr 75	Reports	Records 1
AF/560	May 75	Reports	Records 1
AF/561	Jun 75	Reports	Records 1
AF/562	Jul 75	Reports	Records 1
AF/607	Dec 75	Reports	Records 1 *
AF/608	Jan 76	Reports	Records 1 *
AF/610	Mar 76	Reports	Records 1 *
AF/611	Apr 76	Reports	Records 1 *
AF/612	May 76	Reports	Records 1 *
AF/613	Jun 76	Reports	Records 1 *

AF/616	Sep 76	Reports	Records 1
AF/617	Oct 76	Reports	Records 1
AF/618	Nov 76	Reports	Records 1
AF/619	Dec 76	Reports	Records 1
AF/3459/75	1970	Policy and policy statements	"POLICY FILE" Records 1
D/DS8/25/3	1978	Parliamentary correspondence	Records 2
D/DS8/75/2/1 Pt A	1977	UFO reports, correspondence	Records 2
D/DS8/75/2/1 Pt B	1977	UFO reports, correspondence	Records 2
D/DS8/75/2/1 Pt C	1978	UFO reports, correspondence	Records 2
D/DS8/75/2/1 Pt F	1979	UFO reports, correspondence	Records 2
D/DS8/75/2/1 Pt G	1980	UFO reports, correspondence	Records 2
D/DS8/75/2/1 Pt H	1980	UFO reports, correspondence	Records 2
D/DS8/75/2/2 Pt A	1977	UFO reports (edited copies)	Records 2
D/DS8/75/2/2 Pt B	1977	UFO reports (edited copies)	Records 2
D/DS8/75/2/2 Pt C	1977	UFO reports (edited copies)	Records 2
D/DS8/75/2/2 Pt D	1977	UFO reports (edited copies)	Records 2
D/DS8/75/2/2 Pt E	1978	UFO reports (edited copies)	Records 2
D/DS8/75/2/2 Pt F	1978	UFO reports (edited copies)	Records 2
D/DS8/75/2/2 Pt G	1979	UFO reports (edited copies)	Records 2
D/DS8/75/2/2 Pt H	1979	UFO reports (edited copies)	Records 2
D/DS8/75/2/2 Pt J	1979	UFO reports (edited copies)	Records 2
D/DS8/75/2/2 Pt K	1979	UFO reports (edited copies)	Records 2
D/DS8/75/2/2 Pt L	1980	UFO reports (edited copies)	Records 2
D/DS8/75/2/2 Pt M	1980	UFO reports (edited copies)	Records 2
D/DS75/2/3 Pt D	1978	UFO reports	Records 2
D/DS75/2/3 Pt E	1978	UFO reports	Sec(AS) - 8/00
D/DS75/2/3 Pt F	1978	UFO reports	Sec(AS) - 8/00
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D/DS75/2/3 Pt H	1978	UFO reports	Records 2
D/DS75/2/3 Pt J	1978	UFO reports	Records 2
D/DS75/2/4 Pt A	1979	UFO reports	Records 2
D/DS75/2/4 Pt B	1979	UFO reports	Records 2
D/DS75/2/4 Pt D	1979	UFO reports	Records 2
D/DS8/75/2/5 Pt A	1980	UFO reports	Records 2
D/DS8/75/2/5 Pt B	1980	UFO reports	Records 2
D/DS8/75/6 Pt A	1979	TV discussion	Records 2
D/DS8/75/7 Pt A	1979	Satellite debris	Records 2
D/DS8/10/209 Pt A	1981	General briefs and reports, UFO correspondence	Records 2
D/DS8/10/209 Pt B	1981	General briefs and reports, correspondence	Records 2
D/DS8/10/209 Pt C	1982	General briefs and reports, correspondence	Records 2
D/DS8/10/209 Pt D	1982	General briefs and reports, correspondence	N/T Hayes
D/DS8/10/209 Pt E	1983	General briefs and reports, correspondence	N/T Hayes
D/DS8/10/209 Pt F	1984	General briefs and reports, correspondence	N/T Hayes
D/DS8/10/209 Pt G	1984	General briefs and reports, correspondence	Records 2
D/DS8/10/209/1 Pt A	1983	General briefs and reports, UFO correspondence reports	Records 2

D/DSB/10/209/1 Pt B	1984	General briefs and reports, UFO correspondence reports	Records 2
D/DSB/10/209/1 Pt C	1985	General briefs and reports, UFO correspondence reports	Records 2
AF/X58/64	1968	UFO policy & policy statements	DAS(Sec), LM 24 Aug 00
AF/X58/64	1970	UFO policy & policy statements	DAS(Sec), LM 24 Aug 00
D/DSB/75/1 Pt A	1979	UFO policy & policy statements	DAS(Sec), LM 24 Aug 00
D/DSB/75/1 Pt B	1979	UFO policy & policy statements	DAS(Sec), LM 24 Aug 00

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FILES IDENTIFIED BY [REDACTED] (LETTER DATED 11 AUGUST 2000) THAT APPEAR TO BE OUTSIDE THE DESIGNATED PERIOD

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D/Sec(AS)/64/1 Pt A	1996	UFO policy	DAS(Sec) ?
D/Sec(AS)/64/1 Pt B		UFO policy	DAS(Sec) ?
D/Sec(AS)/64/1 Pt C		UFO policy	DAS(Sec) ?
D/Sec(AS)/64/1 Pt D		UFO policy	DAS(Sec) ?
D/Sec(AS)/64/5 Pt A	1996	Media issues	DAS(Sec) ?

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Note: Information obtained by [REDACTED] D Info (Exp)R1b, during the early phases of the [REDACTED] exercise.

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55/40/9/1 Pt 2	63 - 67	UFO policy	IN PRO DEFE 31/119
55/40/9/1 Pt 3	68 - 71	UFO policy	DESTROYED 8 Aug 84
55/108/15 Pt 4	71 - 96	UFO policy	DIS
55/108/15 Pt 5	96 - 00	UFO policy	DIS
55/108/15 Pt 6	2000 - date	UFO policy	DIS
108/15/1 Pt 1	N/K	Incident file	DIS
108/15/1 Pt 2	N/K	Incident file	DIS
108/15/1 Pt 3	N/K	Incident file	DIS
108/15/1 Pt 3	N/K	Incident file	DIS
108/15/1 Pt 4	N/K	Incident file	DIS
108/15/1 Pt 5	N/K	Incident file	DIS
108/15/1 Pt 6	N/K	Incident file	DIS
108/15/1 Pt 7	N/K	Incident file	DIS
108/15/1 Pt 8	N/K	Incident file	DIS
108/15/1 Pt 9	N/K	Incident file	DIS
108/15/1 Pt 10	N/K	Incident file	DESTROYED DATE N/K
108/15/1 Pt 11	N/K	Incident file	DESTROYED DATE N/K
108/15/1 Pt 12	N/K	Incident file	DESTROYED DATE N/K
108/15/1 Pt 13	N/K	Incident file	DESTROYED DATE N/K
108/15/1 Pt 14	N/K	Incident file	DESTROYED DATE N/K
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108/15/1 Pt 20	N/K	Incident file	DESTROYED DATE N/K
108/15/1 Pt 21	1977	Incident file	Records 1
108/15/1 Pt 22	1977	Incident file	Records 1
108/15/1 Pt 23	1977	Incident file	Records 1

108/15/1 Pt 24	1977	Incident file	Records 1
108/15/1 Pt 25	1977	Incident file	Records 1
108/15/1 Pt 26	N/K	Incident file	DESTROYED DATE N/K
108/15/1 Pt 27	N/K	Incident file	DESTROYED DATE N/K
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108/15/1 Pt 30	N/K	Incident file	DESTROYED DATE N/K
108/15/1 Pt 31	N/K	Incident file	DESTROYED DATE N/K
108/15/1 Pt 32	Feb 78 - Jan 83	Incident file	DIS
108/15/1 Pt 33	N/K	Incident file	DESTROYED 30 Nov 92
108/15/1 Pt 34	Jun 83 - Mar 85	Incident file	DIS
108/15/1 Pt 35	Apr 85 - Dec 86	Incident file	DIS
108/15/1 Pt 36A	Dec 86 - Nov 87	Incident file	DIS
108/15/1 Pt 36B	Nov 87 - Jul 88	Incident file	DIS
108/15/1 Pt 37	Aug 88 - Jul 89	Incident file	DIS
108/15/1 Pt 38	Jul 89 - Dec 89	Incident file	DIS
108/15/1 Pt 39	Jan 90 - Jun 91	Incident file	DIS
108/15/1 Pt 40	Jun 91 - Jan 92	Incident file	DIS
108/15/1 Pt 41	Feb 92 - Apr 93	Incident file	DIS
108/15/1 Pt 42	Apr 93 - Oct 93	Incident file	DIS
108/15/1 Pt 43	Oct 93 - Jan 94	Incident file	DIS
108/15/1 Pt 44	Jan 94 - May 94	Incident file	DIS
108/15/1 Pt 45	Jun 94 - Nov 94	Incident file	DIS
108/15/1 Pt 46	Nov 94 - May 95	Incident file	DIS
108/15/1 Pt 47	Jun 95 - Jan 96	Incident file	DIS
108/15/1 Pt 48	Feb 96 - Jul 96	Incident file	DIS
108/15/1 Pt 49	Aug 96 - Oct 96	Incident file	DIS
108/15/1 Pt 50	Nov 96 - Dec 97	Incident file	DIS
108/15/1 Pt 51	Jan 97 - to date	Incident file	DIS
108/15/2 Pt 1	1993	"Title unknown"	DIS

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REQUEST FOR INFORMATION ON AIR DEFENCE MATTERS - [REDACTED]

Reference: D/DAO/1/13 dtd 30 Oct 00 Section 40

1. I attach the latest letter from [REDACTED] a persistent correspondent on the subject of a UAP sighting on 5 November 1990.

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2. [REDACTED] first wrote to this Secretariat concerning UAP in November 1996. Some months later (in 1997) he wrote to his MP on the subject of procedures for reporting UAP sightings and then resumed his correspondence with us in April 1998 asking about a specific event on 5 November 1990. His latest letter is the fourth on the subject of that sighting in 1990.

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3. We are required to consider [REDACTED] request in line with procedures laid down in DCI GEN 223/99 based on the Code of Practice on Access to Government Information while, hopefully, bringing the correspondence on this particular event to a close. I would certainly like to answer his first question (points a. to f. included) fairly briefly and attach a suggested form of wording. I should be grateful if you would cast an eye over the attachment and let me have comments and corrections by COP 19 December.

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4. [REDACTED] second question (points a. to d. inclusive) widens his area of interest somewhat. Perhaps you would let me have some information that I shall then work into a reply.

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Report has been done in the [unclear] [unclear] [unclear]

ANNEX

In your letter of 5 September 2000 you asked a number of hypothetical questions, citing as an example the sighting on 5 November 1990. The answers given addressed a likely sequence of events but not necessarily those arising on the date in question, as I believe [REDACTED] letter makes clear.

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You mention the handling of the "additional information". Our letter of 17 November contained no "new" information but did interpret, in a little more detail and in an effort to be helpful, the events suggested by the original report. I am not able to say whether there was, or was not, an "investigation" into the incident of 5 November 1990 as departmental records for that period were destroyed some time ago, in accordance with standard administrative procedures. We have no idea if any report was ever made to the [REDACTED] authorities. (If. "which department serves as the focal point for receiving investigation reports. . . regarding aerial sighting reports" DAO please advise.)

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